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CHUNGKING

Chinese circles in Chungking are not at all perturbed over the Communist situation as a result of the High Command's decision to disband the Communist New Fourth Army last month.

Following the conclusion of brief fighting between Government and Communist troops on the south bank of the Yangtze no major fighting has been reported taking place between Government and Communist troops in any other areas.

Meanwhile negotiations are progressing between the Government and Communist authorities for an amicable settlement of differences.

The Chinese Government is not involving any party with Government measures concerning the New Fourth Army and is maintaining the usual relations with the Chinese Communist Party and other political groups. — Reuter.

CAVALLERO
LOSSES IN
ALBANIA

All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated Athens radio last night, adding that Greek forces had steadily advanced and had taken up new lines and positions according to plan.

Athens radio added that these operations were beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued: "Very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura obliged General Cavallero, the Italian commander-in-chief, to order the speedy evacuation of Italian forces of this important area."

40 Per Cent. Losses

"Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check this Greek advance is doomed to failure, because after repeated disasters their striking power has been very substantially reduced."

"Losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers at as high as 40 per cent of their total effectives." — Reuter.

Italians Already In
Trouble In EritreaAUSTRALIANS
WARNED TO
WATCH JAPAN

Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister, speaking at a parade in Melbourne yesterday.

He added: "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe." — Reuter.

TAKING
SEVERE
KNOCKS

Italy's East African Empire has taken more severe knocks with the fall of Agordat, strategic rail on the route to the Red Sea, the falling back of the armed advance screen protecting Somaliland and the full retreat of the forces which had held up the British penetration into north-east Abyssinia, from Metemma.

Italian forces seeking a way across the mountains in the Wolkait district of Eritrea were forced to abandon most of their mechanical transport because of British and patriot activities.

The Axis High Command reports intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya but British headquarters in Cairo say that the concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and R.A.F. fighters which maintained patrols over Libya suffered no loss.

It is considered probable, writes Reuter's air correspondent,

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL POINT IN ERITREA ON THE RAILWAY LEADING TO THE RED SEA PORT OF MASSAWA.

Announcing this success yesterday's communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo says: "Yesterday (Saturday) morning British troops captured the town of Agordat, taking many hundreds of prisoners with guns and mechanical transport."

"Six Italian medium tanks, five light tanks and 15 guns were also destroyed, while the enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack, carried out by British and Indian troops with R.A.F. cooperation."

"By dusk on Saturday evening advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren."

"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well while further south Biacundi is now in British hands, with more prisoners from the Italian forces which originally withdrew from Umm-Hagar."

"As a result of these actions, coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Wolkait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical transport and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks."

Retreat In Abyssinia

"In Abyssinia, following British pressure in the Metemma area, the enemy is also in full retreat on the Metemma-Gondar road, closely followed by British mobile troops."

VALONA
BOMBED

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albanian port of Valona on Saturday.

The raid was carried out in bad weather and warehouses, a munitions dump and a timber depot were among targets effectively bombed, direct hits being registered on buildings.

According to headquarters of the British forces, anti-aircraft fire was intense but the R.A.F. formation machine-gunned batteries from a low level.

All British aircraft returned safely to base. — Reuter.

that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily, though it is possible for shorter-range aircraft to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes. — Reuter.

INVASION
PORTS
RAIDED

Docks at three Nazi invasion ports in occupied France — Boulogne, Ostend and Brest—were attacked by small forces of R.A.F. bombers on Saturday night and just before dawn yesterday.

The Brest attack was made first by planes of the Coastal Command which yesterday continued in unfavourable weather patrols and reconnaissance flights over the occupied coast-line.

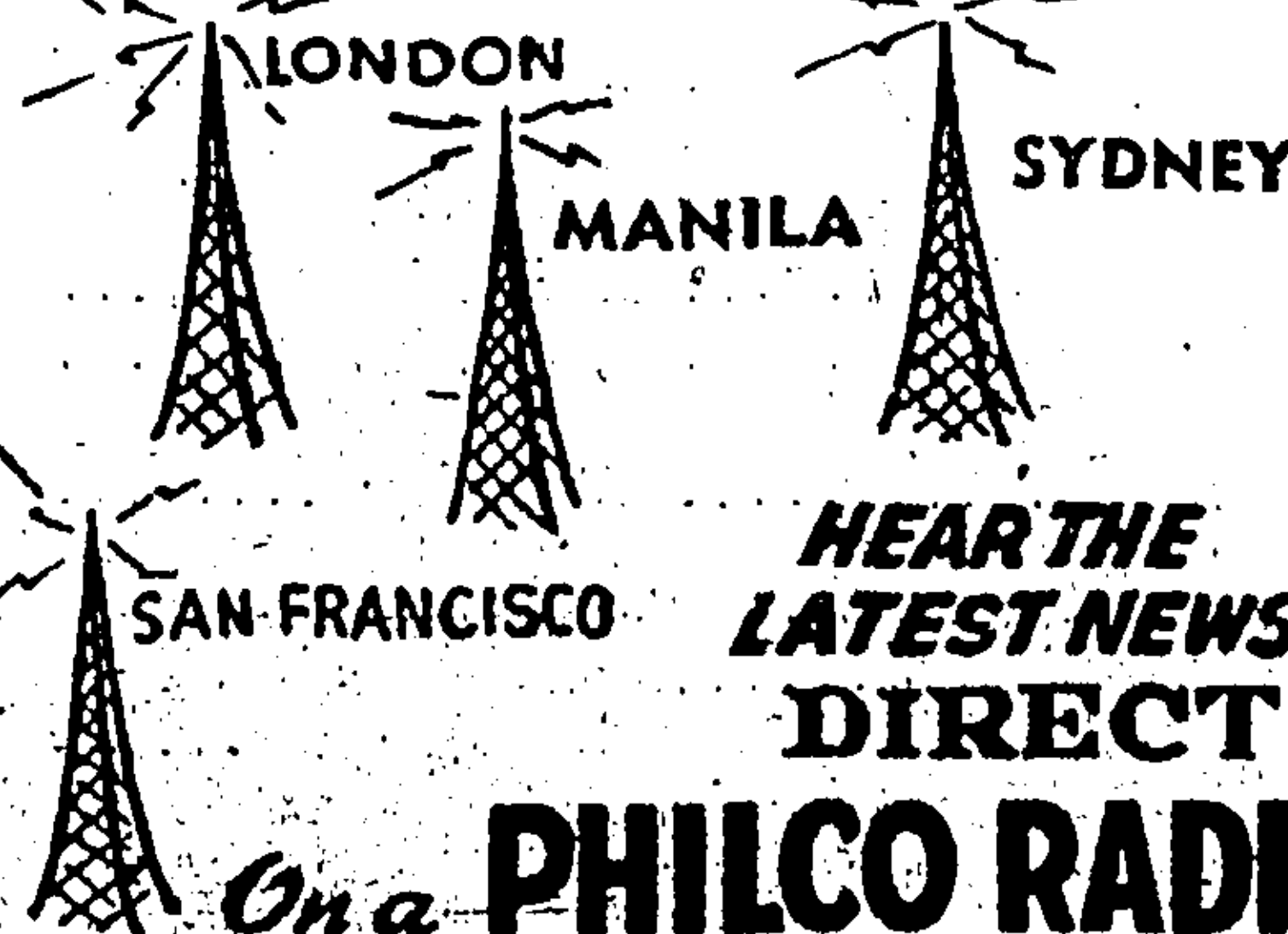
Aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuously on the look-out for the first signs of any invasion movement.

Boulogne and Ostend were selected for yesterday's pre-dawn raids.

British fighters, accompanied once by bombers, made a number of daylight raids yesterday over occupied France.

Two planes are missing from operations since Saturday.

A few single German aircraft made the customary armed reconnaissance flights over the English coast yesterday following a night of no activity. — Reuter.



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GERMAN THREATS TO VICHY

Rumours Of Likely Denouncement Of Armistice

Neutrals Doubt Imminence Of Steps Of Drastic Nature

NAZI PILOT FOUND CRYING

Mr. Arter, a shepherd living in a remote cottage in the middle of Romney Marsh, saw a Messerschmidt 109 shot down by two Spitfires and fall among some trees 20 yards from his home.

Running to the spot, he found the machine burning fiercely and the pilot standing near wounded. He had scrambled out a few seconds before the machine burst into flames.

Mr. Arter detained him until a mobile unit arrived. He said that the Nazi, who was about 25, was very upset and was crying.

HITLER'S REPLY to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin yesterday.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible denouncement of the armistice by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

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R.A. GUNNER WINS KWANTI SWEEPSTAKE

The Goddess of Fortune favoured a young British soldier — a gunner in the Royal Artillery — yesterday at the Fanling Race Meeting.

He won the first prize in the Special Dollar Sweep on the main event — the Kwanti Cup — of the meeting, and was enriched by \$16,076.

WILLKIE VISIT TO COVENTRY

Mr. Wendell Willkie started his tour of the bombed provincial cities of England yesterday with visits to Coventry and Birmingham.

He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

Rest of the tour, made by car, gave Mr. Willkie an opportunity of seeing the effects of the indiscriminate bombing on the night of the big raid last November, including the destruction of historic buildings, premises and dwelling houses.

At a press conference Mr. Willkie stated the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated.

He was greatly impressed by the high morale shown by the citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up.

He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.—Reuter.

DEATH OF MR. S. O. LEVINSON

The death took place in Chicago yesterday of Salmon Oliver Levinson, the famous American lawyer, says Reuter.

MR. MATSUOKA'S FACES OVER A BITTER PILL

Any day President Roosevelt might decide to adopt a non-belligerent status towards the West as well as the East, and Japan facilitated this by signing the three-power pact, says the Swedish newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet."

This move was intended to frighten the American electors from supporting President Roosevelt but was a miscalculation and the pact had the opposite effect for it was used by President Roosevelt against its own instigators when he pointed out that freedom's enemies threatened America from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic.

Mr. Matsuoka, who started life as a Seattle errand boy and does not under-estimate United States resources, has not concealed his embarrassment over this fatal turn of events.

The international situation is now very different from what it was last year, when the Berlin pact was signed and it appeared likely England might be "liquidated" by German attacks.

"Although bleeding from many wounds Britain's arteries are not cut and her nerves are unshaken."

Standing Upright

"She stands, despite her tardy awakening, upright and has, with Greece, inflicted such defeats on Italy in the eastern Mediterranean that Germany is suddenly faced with a war on two fronts, splitting her strength."

"The Empire's resources are being rapidly mobilised and the U.S.A. is reaching a state of preparedness facilitating intensive intervention in the war."

Mr. Matsuoka has admittedly declared that Japan will fulfil her obligations to Berlin but at the same time has beseeched Washington to spare Japan this bitter pill by not openly entering the war.

Hara-Kiri

Japan had previously hoped to reach an agreement with Russia, and Russia had nothing against

the non-intervention pact if it resulted in a conflict between Japan and America, but when it was requested that the Soviet should cease to supply China with war material there came a very firm reply from the Soviet.

Thus Japan's action will be interpreted as hara-kiri by Japan's leading politician.—Reuter.

BIG HOUSE —8 BILLETS

"This is a very large house, and there is a feeling that Lord and Lady Howard de Walden are pulling strings to prevent other people being billeted there."

So declared Mr. Glenvil Hall, putting a question in the House of Commons regarding the use of Audley End mansion, near Saffron Walden, Essex, for evacuees.

Miss Horsburgh, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health, in reply, said a family of eight had been billeted on the owners in a self-contained part of the house.

Though this was a large house, it was not convenient for billeting a large number of people, but if necessary more people would be put into it.

If necessary, alterations would have to be made in this house to provide all sanitary arrangements for a large number of people.

In this connection the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency Efe says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Marshal Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French colonial army and the French fleet."

The correspondent of the "Alcazar" declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

On The Verge

The Berlin representative of "ABC" however expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision vis-a-vis France.

The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a struggle between Paris and Vichy.

The newspaper "Arriba," which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, yesterday wrote sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from radios and the press." — Reuter.

AIR PART IN BRITISH ADVANCE

Bombers of the South African Air Force operated on Saturday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa.

They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where store dumps were hit, and bombed concentrations of motor transport at Mega and Yavello, and aerodromes at Zula, where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

An R.A.F. communiqué reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East and from all of them R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss.

The normal fighter patrols were maintained in Libya. Two damaged enemy aircraft were observed on the ground at Barce.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over Malta and were attacked by British fighters. Two Fiat biplane fighters were destroyed.

Operations included a raid on the Albanian port of Valona. — Reuter.

Wild Two-Day Scenes Of Rioting In Johannesburg

Troops Object To Beards Of The Ossewabrandwag

WILD SCENES WERE WITNESSED IN JOHANNESBURG DURING THE WEEK-END WHEN THOUSANDS OF POLICE, CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS WERE INVOLVED IN SERIOUS RIOTS; 140 MOSTLY SOLDIERS, HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL UP TO THE PRESENT.

Armoured cars cleared the streets yesterday morning but the city is now quiet.

Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the "Vaderland" — General Hertzog's newspaper — and the offices of the "Transvaler" — a Nationalist newspaper supporting a Republican policy. Both offices were damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night, when Dr. van Rensburg, former Free State Administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting.

The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature.

Dr. van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting was concluded.

Soldiers and civilians were involved, some of the latter wearing beards, which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

Soldiers Resentful

Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes."

These flashes indicate that the wearers volunteered for duty in any part of Africa—both police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued yesterday morning, when the police used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van set ablaze.

Police reinforcements sent from outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out.

Troops summoned from military camps assisted the military and police to maintain order.

Bearded Man

On Saturdays Johannesburg is usually crowded with soldiers on leave and trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tramcar which they attacked. Many shop windows were broken.

Soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the "Transvaler" building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the building, breaking the plate glass windows of the "Vaderland," where printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when the disturbances were at their worst.—Reuter.

79, DIED ON WEDDING DAY

On the morning he was to have married him, Thomas Davis, seventy-nine, retired farm labourer, of Woodwards-place, Bloxwich, Walsall, found Mrs. Georgina Hodgkins, a widow, also aged seventy-nine, dead in bed.

The old couple had been neighbours for a number of years and Mr. Davis told the coroner at the inquest that because Mrs. Hodgkins had not been well she was sleeping downstairs in his house.

Hearing a bump during the night he went down to her room and found she had fallen on the floor.

She said she was not hurt, and after putting her back to bed he returned to his own room. In the morning he found her dead in bed.

A doctor said that death was due to heart weakness and old age.

SOLDIER BEGS LIFT, CAR KILLS HIM

Signalling to a motorist for a lift in the black-out, a soldier, Drummer Wilfred Appleton (33), whose home was at Heytesbury, Wilts, was struck by the car and fatally injured.

At the inquest at Loughborough the North Leicestershire Coroner, Mr. H. J. Deane, recorded a verdict of "Accidental death."

The car driver, also a soldier, said that Appleton was in the roadway with his arms outstretched. He braked and swerved, but the radiator struck Appleton.

Two bottles in Appleton's pocket were unbroken.

ANTONESCU'S WARNING TO IRON GUARD REBELS

A BAND OF REBEL Iron Guards who massacred 32 people in the Forest of Jalava, near Bucharest, on January 21, have been arrested, says a Bucharest despatch this morning. They will appear before a military tribunal.

An official communique issued in Bucharest yesterday states that all is now quiet in the country.

SCHOOLBOYS FORM OWN A.R.P. CORPS

A school in a South-East Coast village, miles away from the nearest siren, has devised its own A.R.P. service.

In the study of the headmaster, Mr. A. T. Campbell, a special spotter system operated by the boys has been installed.

There is a telephone switchboard, and the boys take it in turn to operate this in school hours. One boy with a tin helmet acts as messenger.

On receipt of a "red" he informs the headmaster, and then goes round all the class-rooms informing the teachers.

Two other boys in tin hats with whistles—who have been trained in aircraft detection—then go into the playground, and act as spotters.

"But for this system we should never know until it was too late," said Mr. Campbell.

The authorities, it adds, are still seeking out and arresting "those responsible for the trouble," and a large quantity of materials and merchandise stolen by rebels has been seized.

"In future I will be implacable and will not tolerate any disorder," declared General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator-Premier, in a press interview yesterday.

Nobody would dare repeat the recent attempt to overthrow the established order, he added, saying: "I swear nobody in the world will hinder me from defending the honour, rights and peace of Rumanians."

Appeal To Youth

Addressing Rumania's youth he asked them to "examine their consciences, give up thoughts of violence against the State and collaborate in the reconstruction of the country."

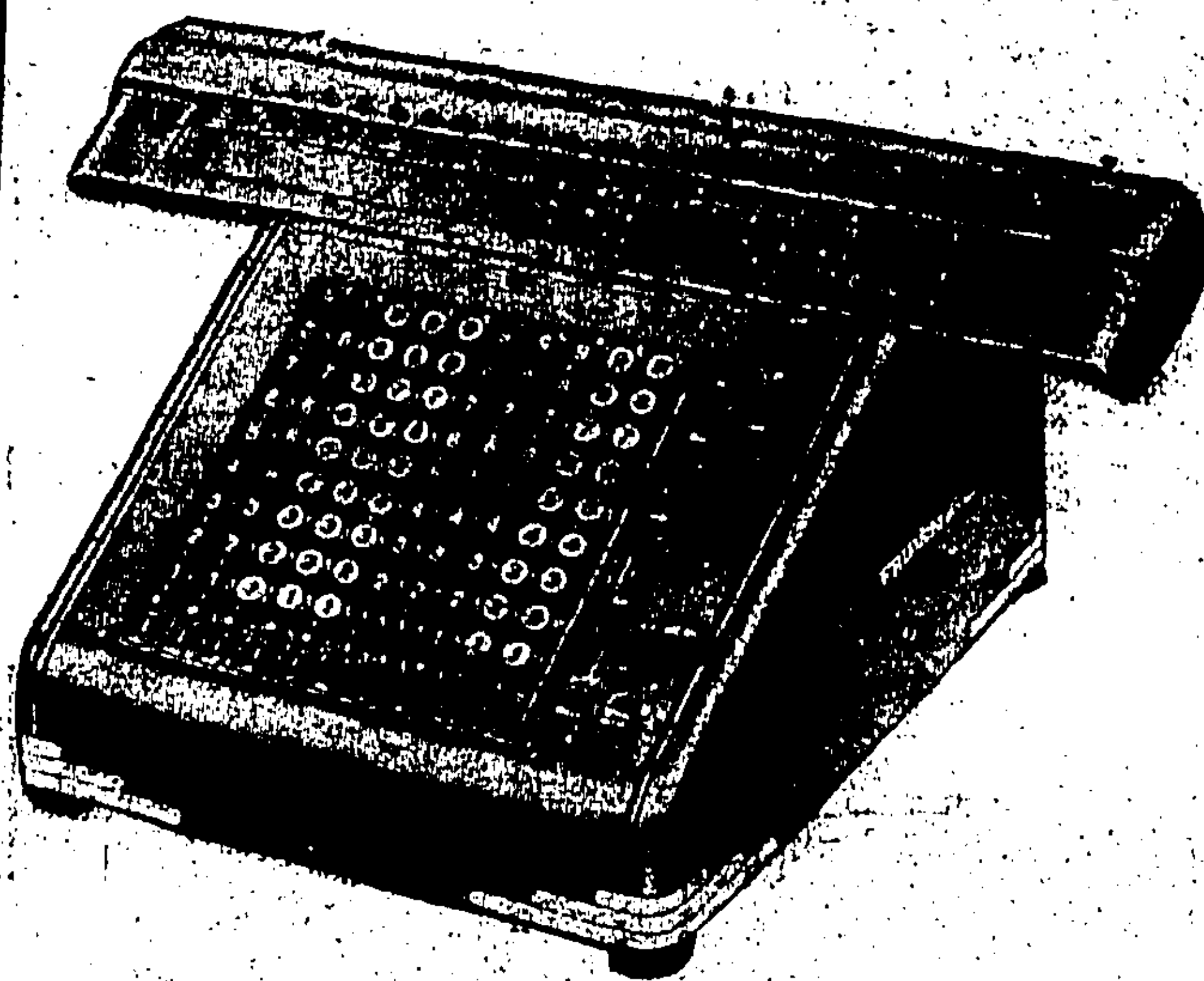
He concluded by asking all Rumanians to take as their example the great struggles and magnificent sacrifices of the Fuehrer and Duce and the National-Socialist and Fascist revolutions.—Reuter.



Field-Marshal Lord Milne, Colonel Commandant of the Pioneer Corps, during a tour of inspection of Pioneers at work clearing the debris in London. (Copyright, Fox).

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ITALIAN AIRMEN PRISONERS OF WAR.—These are the first pictures to be obtained of Italian airmen as prisoners of war in this country. They were taken at a London station recently and are of particular interest following the news that 13 Italian 'planes were shot down by the R.A.F. An Italian airman prisoner, hands in pockets, on arrival at a London station on the way to an internment camp. (Copyright, Fox).

INDIA'S INDUSTRY IN FULL BLAST FOR ARMS PRODUCTIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Black smoke was belching from all the chimneys of the Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully guarded gates to be shown huge workshops where carriages for India's guns are constructed.

All round was the roar of powerful machinery and when I entered the workshops the noise was almost deafening.

I entered one of the workshops where, amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces, skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

In another workshop, where the final assemblage of gun-carriages is done, I saw one of the latest guns, complete with a new carriage.

The old wooden spoke-wheels have been abolished and the formidable weapon I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres.

Output Trebled

All guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India. Since the outbreak of war the output of the factory has been two or three times pre-war production while the number of workmen has more than doubled.

Production is almost continuous, ranging from 20 hours daily in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun-carriages the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army, which it is now producing in thousands. — Reuter.

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WAR FIRM 'LOCKS OUT' EMPLOYEES

Fifty men and women have been locked out by a North London firm engaged on war production following a dispute with the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers.

The executive of the Union is being asked to recognise the dispute, and action may be taken if other firms take over work from the firm in dispute.

It is alleged that while negotiations were proceeding regarding the dismissal of a shop steward, a second shop steward was sacked.

The employees stopped work and were then told by the employer that they were all dismissed.

TEACH ENEMY A SHARP LESSON

"The more I get about the country the more I am struck by the determination of the people to carry this war to a successful conclusion," said Lord Mottistone, when inaugurating Sheffield War Weapons Week.

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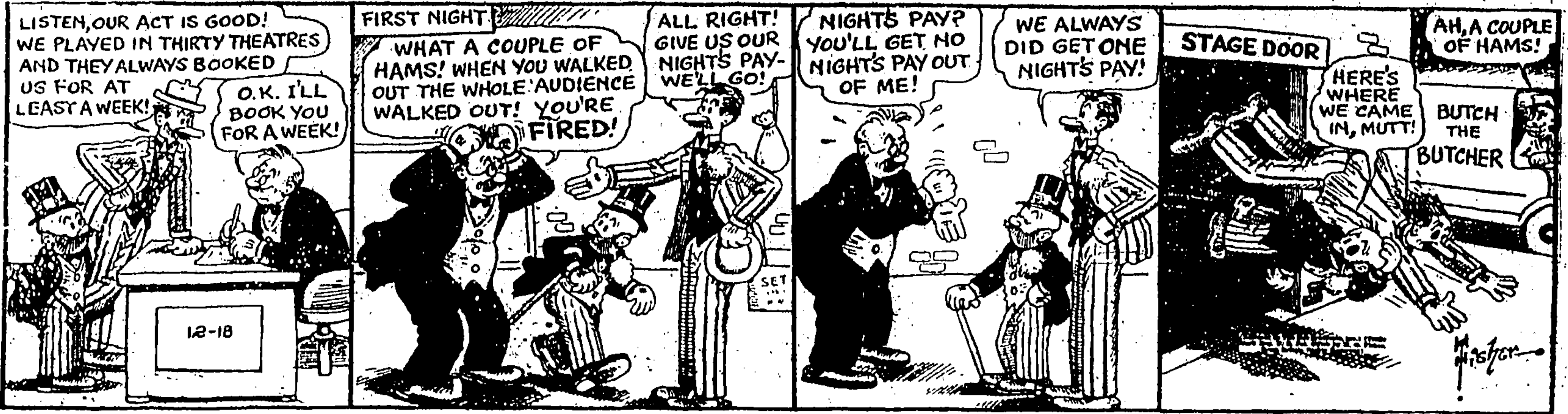
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MINNIE, 52 NOT OUT, IS THE FIREMEN'S MASCOT

(By A Special Correspondent)

MEET MINNIE, the firemen's mascot. She is a common tabby of uncertain age who three and a half years ago walked uninvited into London Fire Brigade headquarters.

Firemen found her asleep on the ladder of an engine. Since then she has been part of the service, has presented its members with exactly fifty-two tabby kittens, and there are more on the way!

When I was introduced to Minnie she was taking her afternoon milk in the local control room. With her was one of her offspring, tabby son Blitz. "He was born a week before the bombardment," a fireman told me. "That's why we named him Blitz."

Minnie knows all about the fire business and is teaching young Blitz not to be caught napping when the "bells go down"—that's what they say in the fire station when there's a call—by shepherd-ing him to shelter.

At the first sound of alarm she's under the table and sits huddled up with Blitz, gazing with her big green eyes at the huge boots of the firemen rush-

ing by. Not until it's "raidere passed" will she venture away from her shelter.

They Don't Drown 'em

"Minnie's alarm-conscious all right," one of them told me. "She knows exactly when to take shelter and when to come out."

Once, fast asleep on a fire engine ladder, she was taken for a ride. She enjoyed it, and settled herself to go out for another.

Everyone at headquarters knows Minnie, and she's sure of a saucer of milk in every department.

All her fifty-two kittens have been adopted by members of the brigade.

BOMB MISSED BABIES

Half buried by debris and suffering from a fractured hip, the Sister Superior of a bombed Catholic orphanage refused all efforts to help her till she was assured that all the children were safe.

The orphanage was bombed during a night raid on London.

Forty babies sleeping in a dormitory less than fifteen yards from where the bomb fell, and a number of boys who were having supper, were untouched.

The bomb fell on the orphanage chapel, where the Sister Superior and three other sisters were at prayer.

The three sisters escaped injury, but the Sister Superior was struck by the falling masonry and pinned underneath.

The sanctuary was destroyed and the altar split in pieces, fell into the bomb crater.

Only a few minutes before the bomb fell the forty little mites had been put to bed in the nursery building.

"It was a miracle that they were not hurt," Sister Augustine, one of the sisters who was in the chapel, told a reporter.

"There was an awful explosion, and everything went black," she said. "I was stunned. I could not think or act. I felt the roof falling in on us, and I could not move."

"Then I stood up, marvelling that I was alive and unhurt. I rushed outside and found two of the other Sisters out there. We realised that Sister Superior was still in there, and went back to try to find her."

"We found her covered in wreckage and dust, with only her head and shoulders above it. She would not let us touch her till she knew the children were safe, though she must have been in great pain."

Richard Lucas, a warden who was near the chapel, was blown into the air. "I was just lifted as though by an invisible hand," he said, "and don't remember anything else till I found myself lying inside the next room."

The chapel is attached to a staff building between the main block of the orphanage and the nursery, and the bomb did no damage to either.

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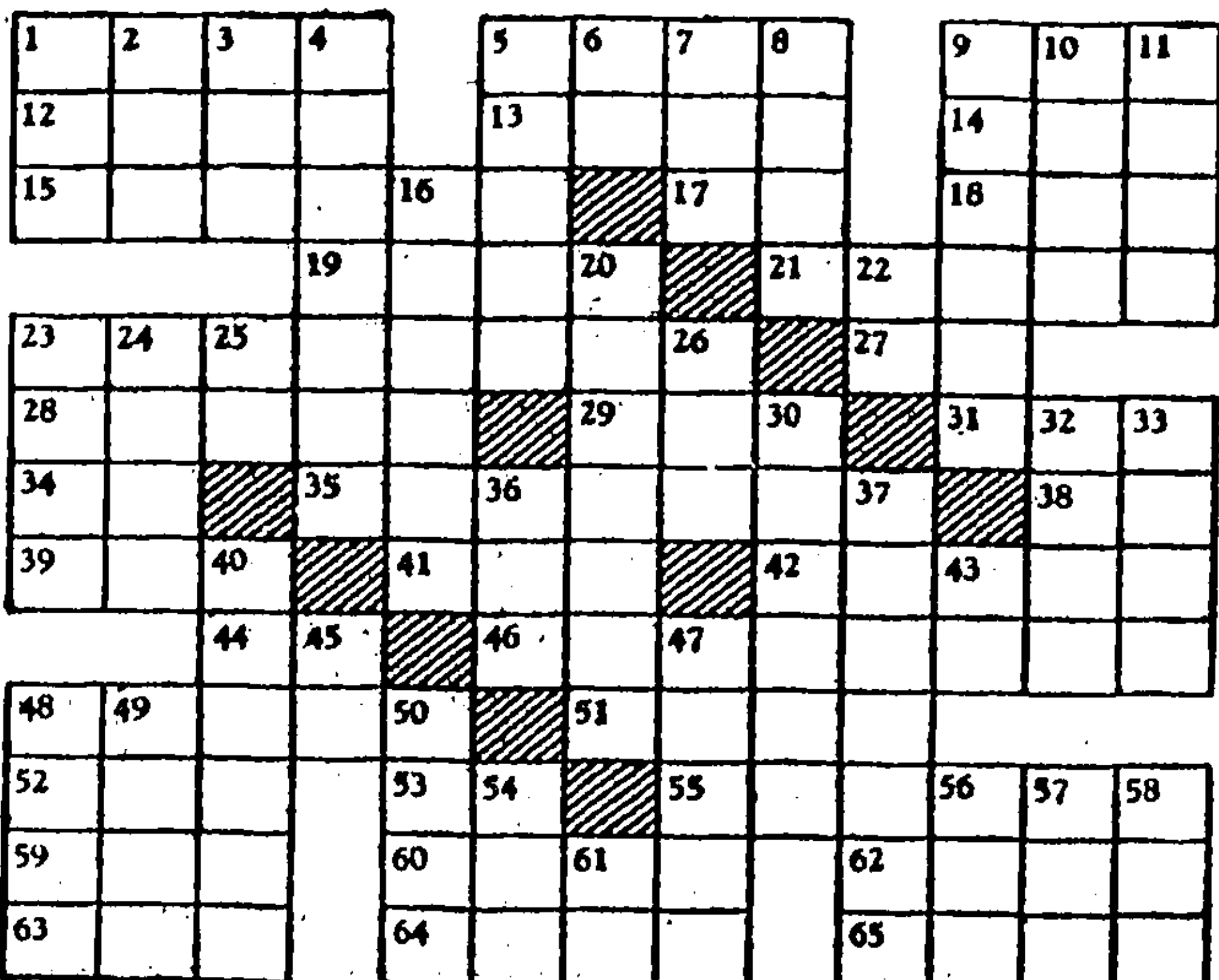
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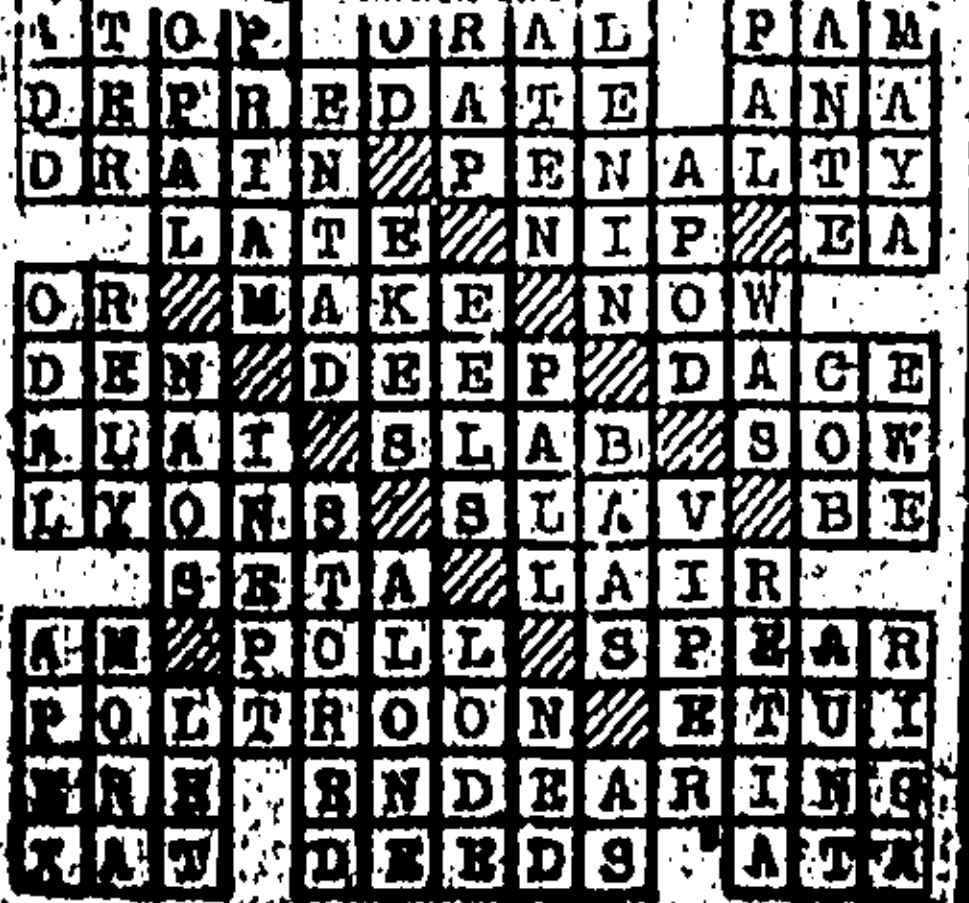
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SCOTLAND YARD HUNT IN LONDON SHELTERS

FIFTY DETECTIVES went from shelter to shelter in Hammersmith all through a night blitz looking for a murderer.

They believe he spends his nights in those shelters, for the murder was done in one of them. Beyond that they have no clue whatever.

Detective Superintendent John Sands, of the Yard, and newly promoted Detective Inspector Arthur Young, of Hammersmith, are in charge. Sands is a veteran in murder cases. It is Young's first.

This, so far, is all they know:— THE MURDER was done in an office shelter at The Grove, Hammersmith, during an air raid.

THE VICTIM was thirty-four-year-old Frederick Mitchell, a building foreman. He was battered to death, and the noise of the barrage drowned any cries for help.

WITNESSES are two of his workmates. But they too were attacked ferociously, left unconscious, and they cannot tell who made the attack.

THE MOTIVE cannot be discovered. A safe with £150 in it was untouched.

Various experts and departments have made reports totalling 50,000 words. Veteran Sands and newly promoted Young have studied them again and again without finding a sentence to explain why Mitchell should be murdered.

Finger-Prints

Post-mortem reports could not give the inquiries a start, though they may be useful later on.

There were finger-prints, but the finger-print department found them so blurred that they were impossible to identify.

Detectives familiar with the "hall marks" of all known criminals could not tie the murder to any one whose methods they know.

So the hunt goes back to the old, slow, sure rule-of-thumb: question everybody.

Mitchell's 200 workmates have already been questioned, most of them in shelters during raids.

Now the detectives are combing the shelters steadily, questioning friends, acquaintances, colleagues; questioning people who say they were near the scene that night, questioning others who swear they were not.

The night blitz swells and fades, fire bells clang, and rescue squads clatter in the streets above, but still those questions go on — shelter by shelter, street by street.

Somewhere in those shelters the detectives believe they will find their man.

Unless, perhaps, Hitler has got him first.

CAPTAIN BROUGHT HIS OWN COMPANY

A lady issued an invitation to the officer in charge of Allied troops stationed somewhere in England, using the customary form, "Mrs. — requests the pleasure of Captain — 's company at luncheon."

To her amazement the officer turned up with his entire company of 150 men.

Not dismayed, she immediately got in touch with her friends, and the party was accommodated at a meal in various homes in the district. None of the soldiers was allowed to know that any inconvenience had been caused by the captain's imperfect knowledge of English.

THEY GO UPSTAIRS TO TAKE COVER

WHEN THE ROOF spotter on top of a building occupied by a London firm of manufacturing stationers sounds the "raiders overhead" signal, the 50 employees do not go down to the basement to shelter.

They go to the top floor, where the firm have built a roof shelter.

When it was first built it caused a great deal of controversy among the staff. Now they are so convinced of its safety that many of them spend the night there.

An official of the scientific research bureau of the Ministry of Home Security, who has seen the shelter, is making a special report of his department on what he calls "a good job."

The firm who had the shelter built occupy the three top floors of a four-storey building. They have no access to the basement where they would have installed their shelter if they could.

They consulted the builders of the premises who suggested they should have one of their top-floor rooms reinforced.

The shelter is at the corner of the building — a shelter on stilts — the frame of the building being its main support.

"We were at first rather dubious," a director of the firm said. "But we asked to see specimens."

D.C.M. 26 YEARS AFTER

Mr. J. Bristow, of Meadfield Road, Langley, Bucks, formerly a sergeant in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, has just received a Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in action 26 years ago.

During the retreat from Mons he carried vital information across three-quarters of a mile of open country raked by machine-gun fire, and, although twice wounded, was able to save a platoon from being cut off.

The War Office letter gave no explanation for the lateness of the award.

Mr. Bristow, who left the Army 14 years ago, also could give no explanation except to say that his major was killed shortly after the action and that this might have held the matter up.

He declined to disclose the nature of the message which he had to carry back, saying "It might still be of value to the enemy."

CAUGHT NAZI BUT WAS FINED

A man who with his brother, captured a German airman who baled out of a shot down plane near their home was fined £2 at Chatham for failing to report that he had found the airman's parachute.

A police official said the man, Albert Henry Sayer Mercer, of Walderslade, near Chatham, had an excellent character, and did "a good spot of work" on this occasion.

In view of this, said the chairman, the Bench had imposed only a small fine.

Mercer told the Court that he and his brother saw the airman emerge from a wood, captured him and disarmed him and handed his revolver to a Home Guard.

"The Home Guard told me," he said "that if I found the parachute I could keep it. I kept it as a souvenir."

WRECKED TRYING TO CATCH PARACHUTIST

The pilot and four passengers of an aeroplane were killed when the pilot tried to catch a parachutist whose parachute had failed to open at Marianna, Arkansas.

The parachutist also was killed. The plane dived to get under the parachutist, but collided with him and crashed.

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DOVER BEACH

Forebodings of a Hitler onslaught mean that there can be no respite, no relief, to the armed men who watch on Dover's cliffs. Each moment of calm upon the Narrow Seas, each hint of mist, drifting across the waters that are England's slender moat, redouble the menace banking in the East.

The sea is calm to-night,
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straits.

Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! For the world which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight
Where ignorant armies clash by night.

So Matthew Arnold's poetry is ultimately overtaken by the fact. The armies are ignorant to-day only as all men are ignorant. They do not know the future. They do not know whether victory or defeat will crown their banners; they do not know how high those surface mists may creep or what of menace and sudden death they may conceal. They do know that in this suddenly strange world there is neither certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain; they have acquired the rare, hard knowledge that one has no right to ask for such things, not even on the safe, familiar shingle of Dover Beach, where the children so often used to laugh and the sun umbrellas bloomed; and they do know that it is only in being true to one another — whether the love is between a man and woman, a man and his battalion, a man and his country or his convictions — that the gray face of reality is clothed with the meaning by which alone any men can live.

Dover Beach can be regarded to-day as a strictly military problem. First making due allowance for the state of the Hitlerian nerves, the Russian attitude, the twenty divisions diverted to the Balkans and the domestic morale in Germany, one can produce the probable equations. No mist, no invasion. Too much mist, no

The Nazis thought we were simple but We escaped from Holland

THREE times I and my 15-year-old comrade, X, attempted to escape from Hitler-dominated Holland.

Many times we almost gave up hope, but the determination to escape in order to fight against the ruthless power that has turned my country into a prison urged us on. The third time, luck was on our side, and here we are, free once again, and with only one desire to defeat Nazism.



I was a student, working to pass my examination as a mechanical engineer when the German invasion threatened us.

It was a good life in those days. People said what they thought. We students led a particularly care-free existence with plenty of fun and parties.

One morning we were told that war had begun. We didn't believe it. We thought someone was having a joke at our expense, but we soon learned otherwise.

I became an A.R.P. worker in Amsterdam, something like your Home Guards. For five nights I patrolled the pitch-dark streets of the city, challenging shadowy forms and examining papers. Anyone of them might have been one of the parachutists even then invading our country.

At the end of those five days it was all over and the Germans were occupying our territory. I soon learned how different life was going to be with all kinds of German improvised laws and restrictions, and at the last

chance for air cover and preparation and therefore no invasion. Just enough mist over the sea with clear air over the land, and anything might arrive under the chalk cliffs. Or other factors may be introduced. Will Hitler risk an invasion, for which the British profess themselves to be eager, unless he is certain of success? Does the fact that Britons are certain he would fail consequently mean an invasion is improbable? It can be argued backward and forward in strictly military terms, according to the state of the weather.

But Dover Beach is not a military problem primarily. It is a problem in what men believe in, in how much they will stand, in whether they are overcome by the essential blankness of the external world or whether they are resolved to overcome it, to impress upon its pain and horror their own conviction, to wield their Bren guns not as the instruments of a shrinking defence but as the weapons with which they will shape their world to what they believe to be worth while. Such matters unavoidably escape the military expert. They are the larger part of what wins wars.

moment I determined to try to escape.

I started to hitch-hike my way to a harbour, and eventually I got a lift on a bus. When that broke down I took it over from the driver, and soon we were on the move again.

But I had first to take some refugees to safety, and when I reached the harbour I had missed the last boat by one hour. It was bombed and sunk I learned later, so my luck was better than I had thought.



Now the streets were full of Germans, who, though they were outwardly polite, certainly gave themselves the airs of conquerors.

But they did not know what to make of the Dutch people, who, under cover of a superficial politeness, used to "pull the Germans' leg."

They would knock against them on the pavement, then apologise with exaggerated suavity and a fleeting smile which left the German more than a little puzzled as to whether he was really being treated with respect or just made a fool of. Life was full of these small incidents.

The German invaders were baffled by this suave Dutch obstinacy.

We were forbidden to listen to any radio broadcasts except German news, but in nearly every house radio sets were tuned softly and Dutch ears were close to loudspeakers listening to other programmes, and in particular to British broadcasts.

All kinds of petty restrictions cropped up. The penalty for their infringement was death.

We were not allowed to discuss politics, the German themselves, or any news but German. But when we met our friends we relieved our feelings by using all the most descriptive adjectives we knew.

Our friends, who all hated the Germans too, filled in the gaps, applying those opprobrious adjectives to the invaders, their domineering ways, their restrictions, our new life. So we exchanged our views even in public under the Germans' noses.



Sometimes individual Germans made friendly advances, but these were not well received.

"Do you speak German?" one of them asked a young Dutch girl who was walking through the park.

"No," was the reply. "I don't like German soldiers either; I prefer English soldiers."

I was sitting in a cafe when a German spoke to me.

"I can't sit over there," he said confidently, pointing towards a corner of the room, "because there is a Jewish girl there."

"I, too, am a Jew," I answered. The statement was not true, but I was angry at the insulting way he looked at the girl.

He looked at me a little puzzled and incredulous, but my face told him nothing.

When we were forbidden to wear the orange flower, our national symbol, we substituted a white flower.

Some people put the stem of the flower through the hole of a razor blade and wore the flower and concealed blade in their buttonhole. Then if some Fascist tried to snatch out the flower he

Thousands of freedom-loving men and women have escaped from Nazi domination, but this story, told by a young Dutchman, will rank as one of the most heroic escapades of the War.



"The streets were full of German soldiers."

had his fingers cut for his rudeness.

It was forbidden to keep in one's home more than just enough food for two days.



Soon after my first failure to escape, my friend and I tried again. We meant to get across into France, where we hoped to be able to fight against the Germans.

We made our way through Brabant. It was forbidden to cross the Meuse and there was a German officer with a guard on the bridge we reached.

But we offered him a cigarette and flattered him, and after strolling along with him in conversation we managed to find ourselves on the other side of the bridge.

It was a tragic journey for we saw miles of country laid waste. Worst of all was the sight of SH—We escaped from Holland (2) Rotterdam, through which we passed by night.

All we could see of this once prosperous city of 400,000 inhabitants was ruins, miles of blackened ruins silhouetted in the moonlight, and on them bodies piled up in funeral pyres as much as three yards high.

Even here in London you have seen nothing like those ruins. From one side of the city you could see right across to the other: there were no buildings left to obstruct the view.

On the heaps of brick and piles of blackened rubble which once were bright and happy Dutch homes lay the bodies, bodies of German soldiers, bodies of Dutch soldiers, bodies of women and bodies of children, a series of horrible monuments in human flesh to the Nazi Moloch.



We borrowed boats to cross canals and broke other German laws, penalty for infringing which was death, but luck was with us until we were almost within sight of our goal, and then my friend was taken ill.

We were bitterly disappointed, but there was nothing for it but slowly and painfully to retrace our steps. Once again we found ourselves in Amsterdam, where I continued my studies and sat for my examinations, but always with the thought of escape uppermost in my mind.

Then came the fateful day. This time we planned to escape up the canals to the sea by boat.

We knew next to nothing of navigation, were forbidden to get any supplies; we were not allowed to sail by night or to approach the harbour, but we were determined to overcome these difficulties somehow.

We took with us food and medical supplies on our little

boat, hiding them as best we could. Sure enough, as we made our way up the canal we were searched and some of our supplies found.

We were questioned, and made believe they were for Germans, and got away with a joking remark about good German appetites. Eventually we found ourselves within two miles of the sea.

We came close to a Naval air port, which was of course forbidden. Again we were stopped and questioned, but we managed to put on an air of great innocence. They thought we were very simple, and laughed heartily when we told them we were going to sail to England. It was much too absurd to believe.

They told us we must return inland at once, but we pointed out that it was forbidden for us to pass up the canal at night, and that we were forced by German law to anchor after dark.

After some discussion they said we might anchor inside the harbour this once, but if we were found there again we should at once be shot.



Soon after dark we sailed inland, and at about midnight crossed into a canal running beside the other, and made for the sea.

Here we sighted a patrol-boat, and thought this, then, was the end, but apparently it didn't see us, and, struggling with our little sailing boat, we pointed out seawards.

Every time we saw a plane we expected to be bombed, but we did manage to signal to a British plane. They sent us a long message, but it was in Morse, and that we did not understand.

As we crossed one very dangerous spot the waves swept higher than our little sail, and we expected our little boat to founder any minute. We were very seasick, too.

Eventually we were sighted by a British ship, and with great difficulty we managed to get alongside. Our rope broke and our boat with all our belongings was battered on the ship's side and lost, but we were hauled on board.

Our rescuers would not let us thank them, just took it all as a matter of course, gave us hot food and drinks and beds to rest in, and brought us to Harwich.

We were free at last.

Now I belong to a Dutch unit. That is good, but it is not enough. My ambition is to join the R.A.F. and fight the Germans now—without delay.

I know what my friends would think. I have seen them cheer when British planes dropped bombs on German objectives, even though it was their own country.

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BABY HOAXER WAS BIGAMIST TWICE

LIZZIE IRELAND, who in March, 1939, at the age of sixty announced that she had given birth to a son — and foisted it upon the world as the heir to the fourth Lord Haldon — wound up the final day of her trial at Chester Assizes by pleading guilty to double bigamy.

Ireland and her nurse-secretary, Isabella Blackett, aged fifty, both of whom gave their address as Youkonon Road, Balham, London, were both found guilty of conspiring to make a false statement regarding a birth and of forgery under the Registry Act.

Ireland was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and Blackett to twelve months' imprisonment.

Mr. Justice Lawrence described the case as an attempt to perpetrate an audacious offence, and told the women they were liable to penal servitude for life.

Mr. Rowland Thomas, K.C., defending, said that one could only wonder whether the genesis of the whole case was not an uncontrollable vanity on the part of Mrs. Ireland when she knew she had become associated with someone with a title.

He disclosed that the child which has been the unseen but central figure in the case had arrived in Chester after the two accused women had been found guilty.

Marriage 'Myth' Denial

The Judge said he accepted the fact that there was a child, and he was sure the jury accepted it.

The prosecution alleged that a child was represented by Ireland to be her son by the late Lord Haldon after she had adopted it for a brief period from its real mother. [Lord Haldon died in the autumn of 1938].

When cross-examined Ireland denied that her marriage to Lord Haldon was a myth, or that the child was never born.

Then she admitted bigamously marrying Joseph Alan Richards in April, 1935, and Frederick George Hugh Clive Lynwood in 1937.

After the marriage to Richards, Ireland went to live at Tunstall, and Richards only visited her there once. The marriage was unhappy and ultimately Richards sued for divorce and obtained a decree nisi.

The marriage to Lynwood was not consummated, and Lynwood instituted proceedings and was granted a decree of nullity.

Superintendent Platt of the Cheshire Police said he knew nothing about Ireland's alleged associations with Lord Haldon.

Mr. Rowland Thomas: Is it true that she had gained not a single penny by reason of what has been proved against her?—That is so.

POET RAN RAILWAY

One of Britain's most romantic little railways—one which had a light-hearted poet as manager and served lead and silver mines whose shares jumped to fabulous heights—is to be closed down.

The railway, which extends from Caersws to Van, Mid-Wales, was constructed in 1870 to serve mines at Van. The mines, now derelict, were world-famous in those days, and their shares shot up from £4 10s. to £86 per share.

The Van Railway's real claim to fame, however, rests on the fact that for some years prior to his death in 1877 its manager was Ceiriog, who was known even in his own day as the Burns of Wales.

Ceiriog, a happy, light-hearted soul, had clear opinions about the relative importance of poetry and railways.

Poetry was the more important, and he made the railway serve the Muse by using railway material, especially wry-bills, for scribbling his poetry.

AIR RAIDS BREEDING NEW POETS

Britain's fight against the blitzkrieg may result in the appearance of new poets of this war.

So at least thinks Chevalier Galloway Kyle, secretary of the Poetry Society, who has just completed plans for a poetry tour of the Home Counties.

"Poetry-lovers were wondering why no war poet of 1939 or 1940 has yet appeared," he said, "but surely the answer lies in the deadly and spiritless mechanisation of the conflict up till now."

"There was a spirit of exaltation in 1914-1918. But until London's ordeal began, or at least until the epic of Dunkirk, nothing of that kind had happened in this war."

"In the Poetry Society, our membership in the last war rose by leaps and bounds. In this war, until quite recently, the increase has been a mere trickle. There was no inspiration to move the poetic soul."

"I think that inspiration is now moving at last, and that the poets of 1940 will make themselves heard before the year is done. The poets of 1941 will be even more vocal."

The Society has decided to send some of its members on a reciting tour of the Home Counties.

CHEERED BY HAND CLASP IN DEBRIS

(By A Special Correspondent)

BURIED UNDER tons of debris with only her head and a hand free to move, a woman was comforted by a Home Guard who crawled into the wreckage and held — and patted — her hand.

In the darkness they lay side by side for more than two hours, and talked of "anything but bombs." Movement by either would have shifted the wreckage, burying them both.

The woman, Mrs. Violet Wilson, is now in a country convalescent home recovering from her ordeal in her bombed house in a London suburb.

The Home Guard is Mr. William Wood, a young upholsterer of Birnam Road, Tollington Park, N.

Mrs. Wilson told a reporter: "The house received a direct hit and collapsed on top of me in the basement."

"I cannot describe my feelings as I lay there and prayed that somebody would find me."

"After what seemed hours I heard a voice calling: 'Are you all right?' I almost wept with joy."

"Then I heard someone crawling through the wreckage."

Protected By Carpet

"There was just a small hole in front of my face through which I could breathe."

"Mr. Wood was able to hand me some water, and I felt better. Then he patted my hand and told me that everything would be all right."

"For more than two hours he lay beside me holding my hand. 'I was afraid that he might go away, but he assured me that he would not leave whatever happened.'"

"Mr. Wood said: 'I had to draw myself backward through a small hole to reach Mrs. Wilson.'"

"She was buried up to her neck in the debris, and could move only her head and a hand."

"I kept patting her hands. We talked of anything but bombs."

"Only a carpet, caught up over a door, was keeping off the wreckage from our heads."

"I was afraid that a false move by the rescue workers would send the whole lot crashing on us."

GAOLED M.P.'S PLEA FAILS

The detention of Captain Ramsay, M.P. for Peebles, does not constitute a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons, the Committee of Privileges has decided.

In its report the committee stated that in his evidence Captain Ramsay asked for the committee's indulgence and said:

"If you had been locked up for twenty hours a day in a cell between a murderer and a leper for weeks and had been locked up during air raids you would not feel at your best."

On his second appearance before the Committee, Captain Ramsay referred to this statement, and said:

"I would like to alter that to a suspected leper. There was only one doctor's certificate saying that this man was a leper. It was subsequently proved that he was not but we were with him for ten days."

Captain Ramsay also referred to an allegation made in the House of Lords that he had been appointed a Gauleiter for Scotland.

"There is not a shred of truth in that statement," he declared. "If I had accepted the post of Gauleiter it would have been treason."

Precedents, says the Committee's report, lend no support to the view that M.P.s are exempted from detention under Regulation 18B of the Defence Regulations 1939.

A BOX WITH A £20,000 SECRET

THE HOUSEHOLD of Nathan William Perrott, wood turner, was run on frugal lines. When he died, 90 years old, his wife, Caroline, and their daughter, Elizabeth, managed as well as they could.

Mrs. Perrott's death in the next year — it was 1913 — left Elizabeth to fend for herself. She got a living by selling flowers in the street, sometimes taking on a job as office cleaner.

When she became too old to work people at her church helped her for a time.

But in 1938 it was suggested that she should go into a "poor house."

A curate asked Elizabeth if she had any relatives, any "papers."

She remembered an old tin box that belonged to her father. She and her mother had never opened it—there was no key.

The box was broken open.

Inside were deposit notes to the value of £8,000 or £10,000, representing money at the bank; and several thousand pounds of Government stocks.

Story Told

Elizabeth died. And the story of the tin box was told to Mr. Justice Morton in the Chancery Division.

He had before him a summons taken out by Westminster Bank, Ltd., the administrators of Nathan William Perrott, Caroline Perrott, and Caroline Elizabeth Barker.

The respondents were Mrs. Caroline Kate Newman, wife of William Newman, of Theberton Street, Islington, who claimed to be a grand-daughter of Nathan William Perrott; and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, wife of Henry Harris, of Oakridge Road, Bromley, Kent, who claimed to be a niece of Nathan Perrott.

£20,000 Estate

Mr. Wilfred Hunt, for the bank, said letters of administration were granted to the bank in January 1939.

The estate was now estimated to be about £20,000.

The question was: Could the Court presume the marriage of Nathan William Perrott with Caro-

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If they cannot make the journey they are to get as near the rafts as possible, then swim with the help of the air-filled life-jackets worn when flying.

In sealed canisters aboard the sick bay are used French uniforms. Perhaps because French civilians on the Channel seaboard might be hostile to Nazi airmen sitting on rafts.

Iron rations are also provided and two rubber boats. Occasionally seaplanes visit the sick bays, like panel doctors on their rounds. Presumably the rubber boat is for the shot-down Nazi to use if he isn't there when the "doctor" calls.

Was Married

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Morton said he thought it was a case in which he could presume the marriage.

The proper conclusion was that the bank should be at liberty to deal with Nathan William Perrott's estate on the footing that he was married to Caroline before the births of Elizabeth Perrott and Caroline Elizabeth Barker.

SHIP 8 TIMES IN THE AIR

Captain W. H. Dawson, who brought his vessel into port although she was in danger of sinking after she had been lifted right out of the water by bombs eight times, has been awarded the M.B.E. (Civil Division).

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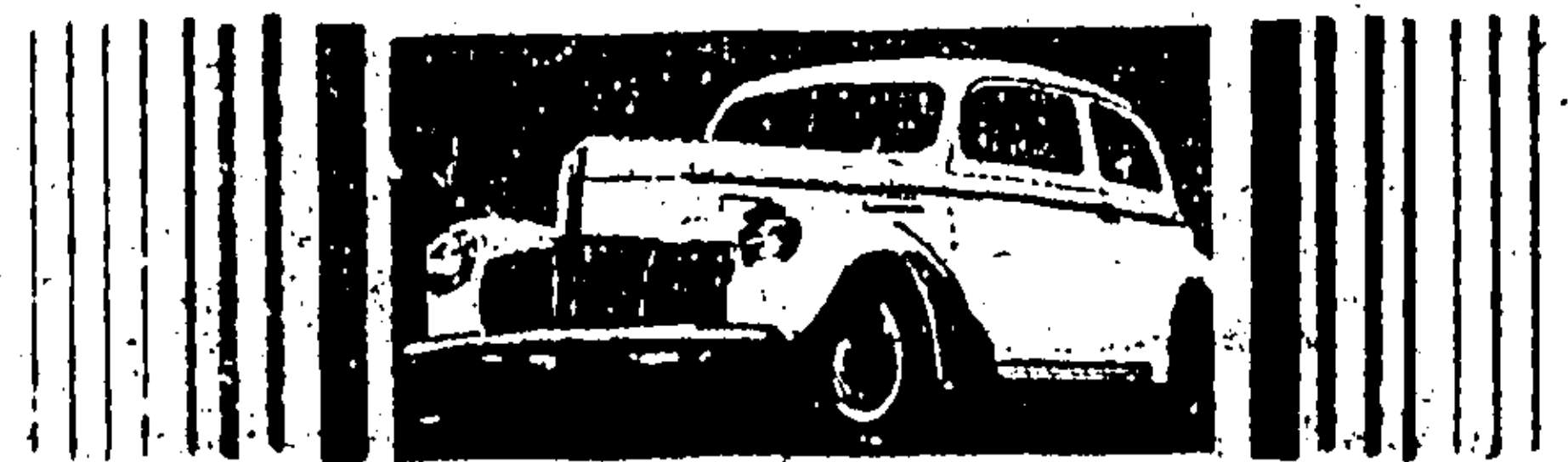


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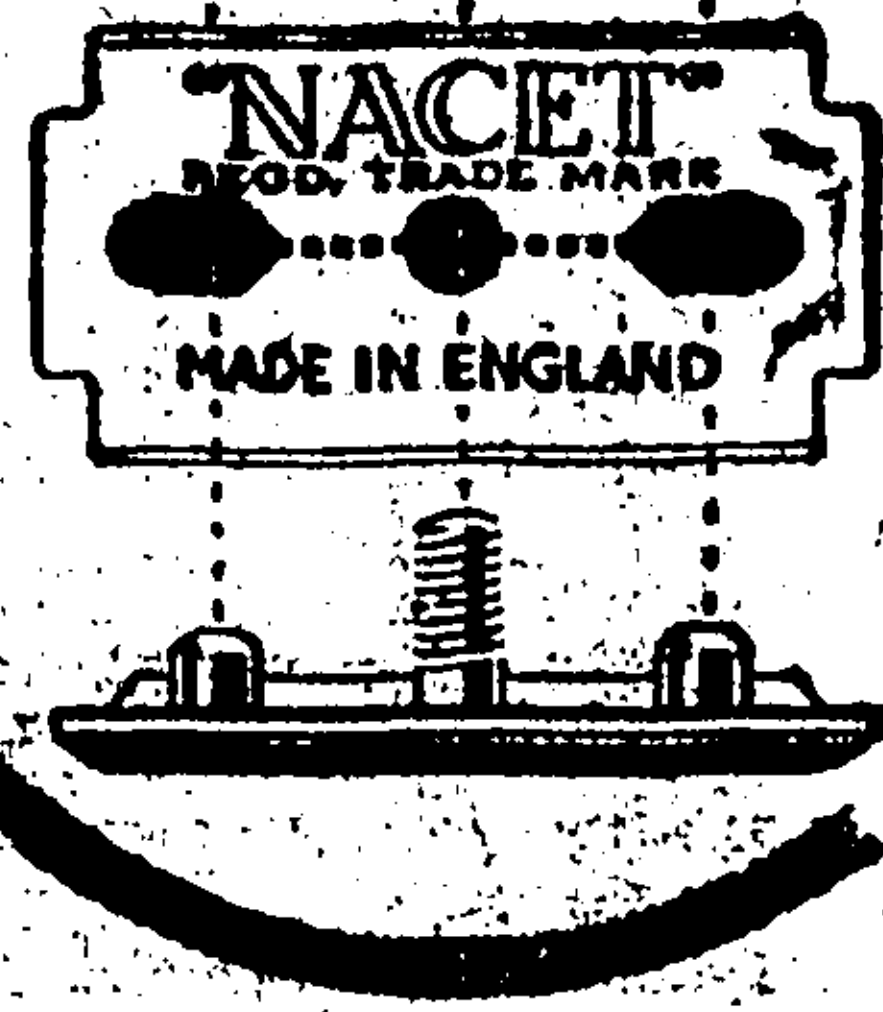
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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 24

By The Four Aces

East and West cooperated in a very neat Bridge Swindle in the hand shown to-day:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 10 7 5
♦ A Q 9 8 5
♣ 4 3
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ K 8 4
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ Q 7
♠ Q 10 5
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ K 2
♣ 10 9 8 5
♠ A K 4
♥ A Q 5
♦ 10 6
♣ A K J 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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West led the three of spades, and East's Queen forced out South's King. South then led the ten of diamonds, knowing that to take the King would allow South to win four tricks.

South naturally hoped that both the King and Jack of diamonds were in the West hand, although he realised that East might be holding off. He led the six of diamonds without having decided what he was going to play from the dummy—but made up his mind quite promptly when West played the diamond Jack.

That play was a beautiful bit of cooperation. West could see enough diamonds in his own hand and the dummy to tell what had happened on the first trick. To play a low diamond would be useless, for South would realise that either he could not pick up all of West's diamonds (if West had both honors) or that East was lying in wait. But the Jack of diamonds made it appear that West had started with the King-Jack-3 of diamonds and that finessing the Queen would bring in the entire suit.

So South crossed his fingers and played Dummy's Queen of diamonds. East pounced on the trick with his King and returned the ten of spades; and South found himself able to make only eight tricks.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ 5 3
♦ 10
♣ 10 6 4
Ph. ... You
Schenker ... (?)
1♥ 2♦ Dbl.

ANSWER: Pass. The spades are too shabby for you to risk a rescue bid. You must rely on your partner to hold a good suit for his vulnerable overcall.

Score 100 per cent. for pass; 30 per cent. for two spades.

Question No. 629

To-day you are Merwin D. Maler's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 9 4 3 2
♥ 5 4
♦ 8
♣ Q J 9 6
The bidding:
Jacoby Maler Schenker You
1♥ 2♦ Dbl. (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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TRIED TO STOP WORK — GAOLED

An agitator who wanted to bring about a stopping of work at a Government factory was at Portsmouth sent to prison for three months.

The man Frederick Tommy twenty-seven, welder, of Hayling Avenue, Copnor, was charged with attempting to cause an assembly of persons in a protected place.

It was stated that Tommy discussed a certain matter among other workers in the welders' shop, and told the shop steward he wanted a stoppage of work and an inquiry by the Home Office.

The shop steward told him it was wrong to stop work in wartime and he would get no support from the trade union. To this Tommy replied: "the union they don't function in wartime."

R.A.F. UPSETS SHIPPING

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The A.A. boys the other night brought down another German night bomber before it had time to drop its bombs. The plane was a Heinkel III and it crashed into a house at Bromley, Kent. Photo shows the loading of one of the bombs on to a military lorry. (Copyright, Fox).

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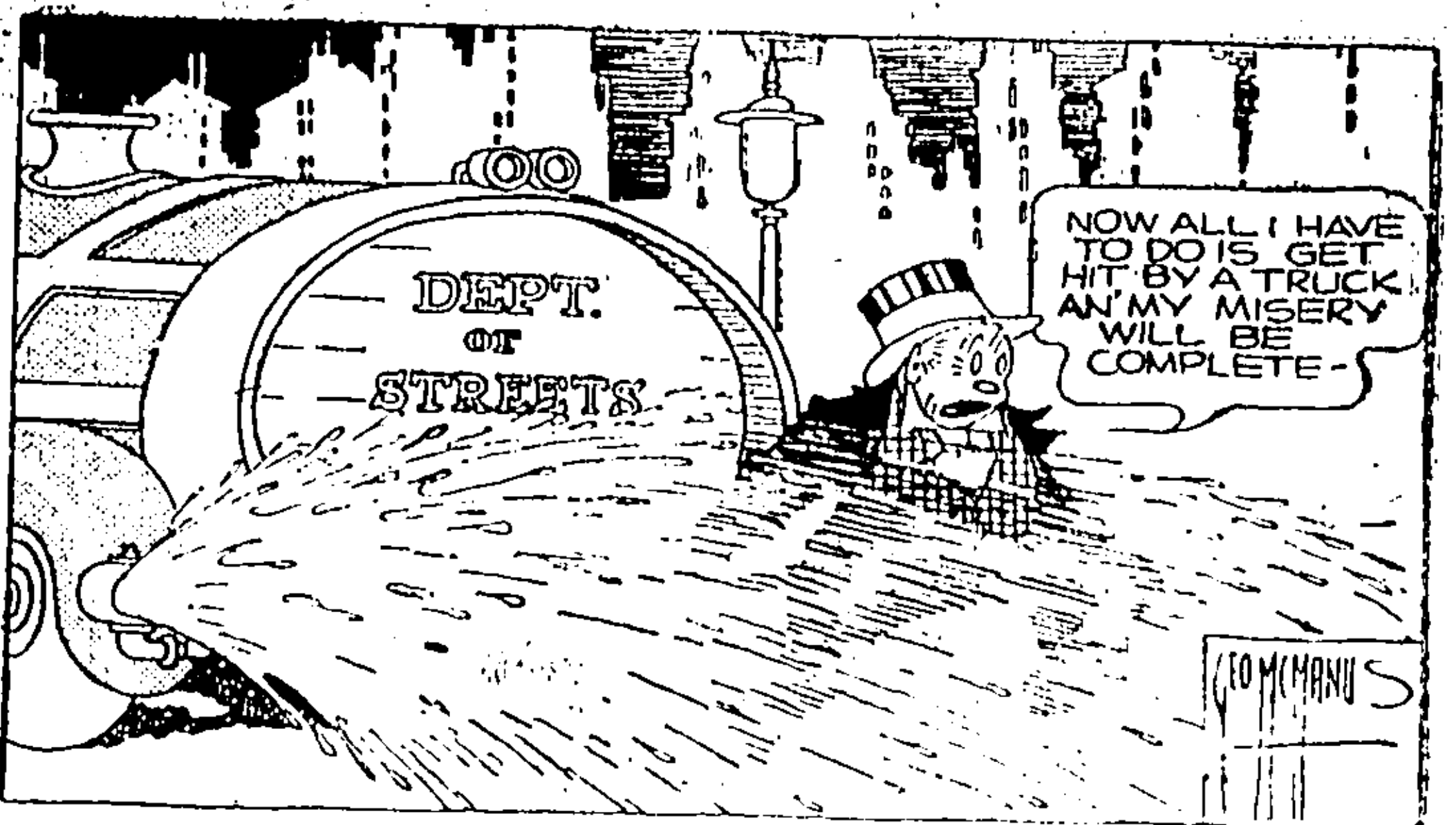
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Winter Woollies

HERE'S a recipe for the most attractive country look you could possibly have, and the smartest!

Well-cut tweed skirt with two or three flecks of colour in it on a brown, beige or grey ground, a tailored top coat in the same tweed

By
RITA

And a different knitted jumper and cardigan set to match each different fleck in the tweed.

Height of success would be achieved by having three felt hats, each matching a different colour in the fleck also.

Smart jacket and matching pull-over sets are knitted to mould the figure gracefully. They have a to-the-throat neckline and a ribbed welt at the waist. They are fairly short, too shorter than they were last year.

Jackets can be buttoned up snugly or left open. The usual idea is to leave them open, except on very cold days.

A further clever note is achieved by wearing over your stockings knitted ankle socks to match the different flecks in the tweed, and, if you wish to complete the scheme, knitted gloves as well.

When I spent a few days in the country recently I so much admired the way the grown-up daughter of my hostess dressed.

She had plain little flecked tweed skirts—short ones, of course—with a graceful flare at the hem. One or two of them had all-round godet pleats; the others were quite straight and simple. These skirts had only one contrasting fleck of colour and with each skirt she wore twin sets to match up this fleck.

As she has hazel eyes and dark hair she is one of those fortunate people whom almost any tone of

To Terms With Your Diet

THE leaves are falling—a reminder that damp, dark days and frosts are just ahead.

If your system is well tuned up it will take them in top gear so to speak.

If it isn't well, look out for snuffles and sneezes, a red nose, a "pasty" skin and a general feeling that everything's too much trouble.

By Justine Glass

Protective measures, to ensure that you belong to the lucky ones who repel winter's nastiest attacks, must begin now. Give your system the materials it needs in order to organise an efficient resistance; give your blood a chance to marshal its reinforcements.

How are you going to do it?

First, by coming to terms with your tummy. If you are careful to give it the heat-producing foods



it needs, and plenty of vitamins, it'll create healthy physique for you.

Sugar, fat, and starches maintain bodily temperature.

Glucose (two dessertspoonfuls twice a day—or more, if you wish)

can be taken instead of sugar. It enriches the blood and is vitalising and energy-giving.

Unless your skin is very dry, your butter ration should meet your needs. Dry-skinned people should begin now to take two tea-spoonfuls of cod-liver oil daily.

Vegetables are ever-important, especially lettuces. If they become scarce, fall back on carrots, which are packed with health and beauty-giving properties.

I'd strongly advise a course of the vitamin pellets which keep colds at nose's length.

Also calcium in organic form should be taken. It will prevent chilblains and increase the resistance power of the blood.

It benefits, in this way, the circulation—but exercise is necessary to brisk the blood up properly. Sorry—but there it is.



Ideal for chilly winter days is this well designed twin set of cardigan and jumper in fine wool.

blue will suit, and so with one grey skirt which had a bright blue fleck she wore a bright blue jumper, socks, etc.; with another which had a grey-blue fleck she wore a twin set in grey-blue and blue socks and gloves. With a brown and cherry tweed there was a cherry twin set to match.

Her shoes had thick, sensible soles, but all were of very clever design. With the cherry set there were thick soled Oxfords in reptile skin dyed to match; other shoes were laced up ones with inlets of contrasting leather, such as calf with suede in a slightly lighter shade.

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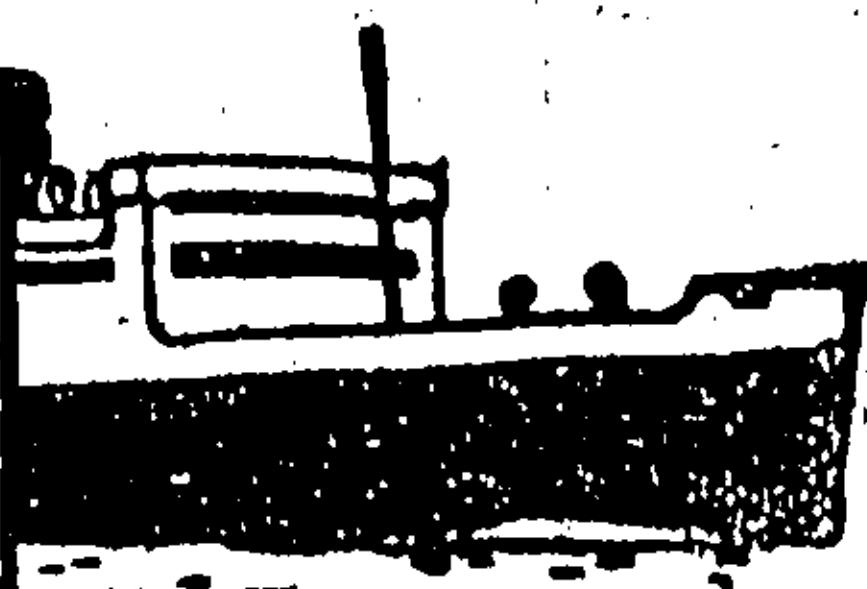
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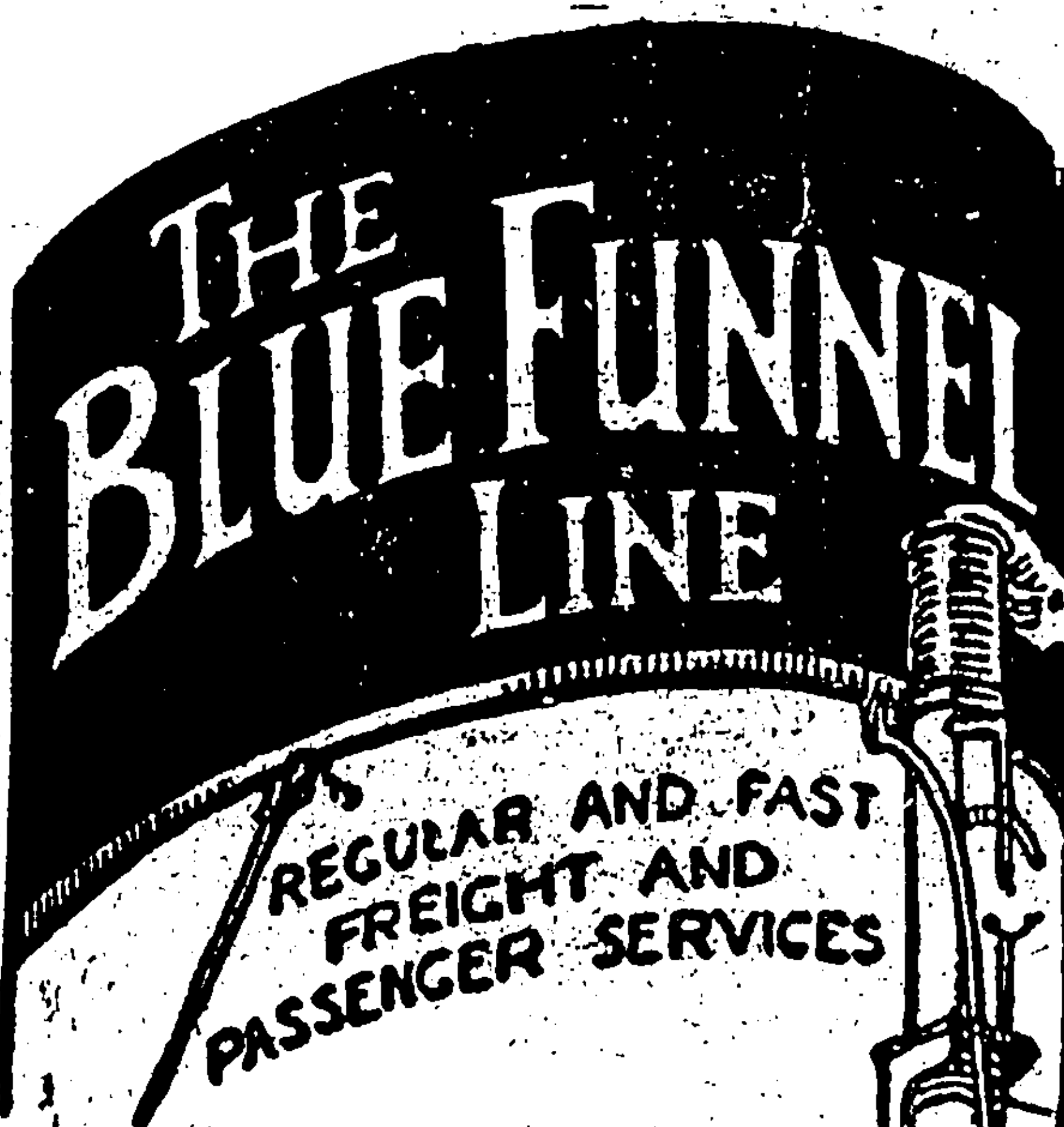
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Minshull And Hsu In Form

By "Referee"

AFTER AN ABSENCE of many seasons, Royal Artillery made a return to Senior football when at Sookunpoo yesterday they met Eastern, holders, in the First Round of the Senior Shield Competition.

Though beaten by three clear goals they have every reason to be satisfied with their performance particularly when it is taken into consideration that the players have not played together before and that the team was only completed in the afternoon.

The Gunners more than held their own in the first half and prevented Eastern from scoring though it must be admitted that Eastern had several opportunities which they did not take advantage of. The Artillery defence rose to great heights throughout the game, their fast tackling and clean kicking somewhat upsetting the machine-like movements of Eastern and it was only late in the second half that the Chinese had any real advantage against the defence.

Artillery forwards were good individually but as was only natural they lacked that understanding and combination so essential to a winning team.

Whole Team Try Hard

It would be unfair to signal any particular Gunner player for special mention as the whole team gave of their best and tried hard throughout. Minshull, in goal, caught the eye most with some of his saves and on the whole gave a grand display of goal-keeping. Though beaten three times he saved twice as many goals. He had just played in the previous game for 24th Battery against Service Corps.

Lawton and Taylor formed a formidable pair of backs, kicking well and being safe with everything overhead and these two players were great hurdles to the Eastern forwards.

Rohson, in the pivotal position, had a trying afternoon against the fast Eastern inside-forwards but he accomplished his task well. He had Hsu beaten with high balls, while though out-positioned, at times by the movements of N. Z. Lee, he did not allow this player to be unduly dangerous.

Greig and Roberts tackled quickly and did not allow Hau Ching-to and Cheung Yung-sum much scope.

Owens Well-Watched

Owens was well watched by Lo Wai-kuen but in the second period had the better of the half and sent over good centres. McCadden, on the left wing, also came into the picture in the second half and had Lau Tse-chan fully occupied.

The inside-forwards played as

well as was to be expected, but their passes to the wings were at times weak. Added to this they were not able to get the ball through the centre as Kong Seng-king and Ng Kee-cheong were on top form.

Eastern did not play their usual game, being early upset by the fast and determined tackling of the Gunners.

Hsu King-seng in the pivotal position was their outstanding player. He kept his forwards well supplied with passes and on numerous occasions cleared his lines with his overhead kicking.

Ng Deteriorates

Ng Kee-cheong started off well at left-back but deteriorated in the second half when Owens was continually breaking away on the right wing.

Hsu, Cham Kam-hoi and N. Z. Lee resorted too much to short passing which allowed the Artillery defence to nip in and clear. The wingers were put through on several occasions but were not given much time to steady themselves before centring.

After a goalless half, Hsu sent through a forward pass to the right and Chung Yung-sum scored. Shortly after N. Z. Lee scored with a deliberate shot which hit the upright but went into the net. Late in the game, Hau Ching-to completed the scoring with a cross shot high into the net.

Gunners pressed hard in the closing stages and went near scoring but Lau Hin-hon in goal was not really tested.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Yesterday's softball results were:

GIRLS		
Canuckettes	2	Wildcats 11
Cardinals	26	Chung Hwa 1
Panthers	14	Ramblers 10
MEN		
First Division		
Chinese	4	Recreio Aces 5
Canucks	2	Filipinos 3
Indians	7	Mohawks 5
Second Division		
Chung Hwa	6	Nam Hwa 14
Cosmopolitans	7	V.R.C. 14
R.A.	7	R.A.F. 2
INTER-HONG		
Lacas	16	Texaco 17

ARMY AGAIN BEAT POLICE AT RUGBY

End of the season spirit prevailed at the final Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match between Police and Army at Boundary Street on Saturday. Police had to borrow two Club players and Army, with a very much superior team on view, were able to win by only 14-0.

Douglass, Miller and Sutherland were prominent for Army, while Lavalle of Club played an extraordinarily good game at full-back for Police.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P.	W.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	69	15	11
Club	6	3	2	87	48	8
Army	6	2	1	52	43	5
Police	6	0	0	21	123	0

Full Record

Following have been the Tournament results:

Police	0	Navy	20
Army	13	Club	13
Club	5	Navy	5
Army	18	Police	3
Navy	11	Army	3
Police	8	Club	36
Navy	13	Club	36
Club	25	Police	6
Army	0	Navy	11
Club	5	Army	3
Navy	9	Police	4
Police	0	Army	14

"LIGHTNING" CHESS TOURNAMENT

A double-round "Lightning" Chess tournament, played in Kowloon on Saturday afternoon, was won by A. C. Poupard with 17½ points out of a possible 16. R. C. Danenberg and J. Grefald tied for second place with 9 points apiece.

Other competitors finished as follows: R. C. Gardner and S. Sapiala, 8 points each; J. H. d'Almeida and William Lee, 7½; V. V. Kolatchoff 7, and C. Lee 6½.

JUNIOR SHIELD RESULT

Service Corps entered the Second Round of the Junior Shield competition when they beat 24th Royal Artillery by the only goal scored by Morgan.

CASH SWEEP WINNERS

Following are the cash sweep results of the Kwanti Race meeting yesterday:

RACE 1		
No. 683	\$590.63	
1233	168.75	
64	81.38	
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each):		
Nos. 1120, 1115, 82, 437, 1178.		
RACE 2		
No. 1000	\$1,074.36	
615	306.96	
1141	153.48	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 226, 744, 407.		
RACE 3		
No. 667	\$1,148.67	
149	328.19	
646	164.10	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 1012, 523.		
RACE 4		
No. 34802	\$16,076.14	
2916	4,593.18	
16967	2,286.58	
Unplaced ponies (\$510.36 each):		
Nos. 9245, 23789, 18716, 4474, 19551.		
RACE 5		
No. 400	\$1,196.23	
349	341.78	
14	170.89	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 1238, 549, 1270.		
RACE 6		
No. 986	\$1,089.48	
511	311.28	
771	155.64	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 560, 168, 454, 212.		

Snooker Exhibition

A Snooker exhibition under the auspices of the European Y.M.C.A. in aid of the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund will be held to-morrow at 8 p.m. in the "Y" billiard's room, when two of the Colony's leading exponents, A. P. Pereira of the H.K.V.D.C. and Corp. J. H. Harvey, of the R.A.M.C., who recently annexed the local Army Individual Billiards and Snooker Championships, will meet. The rivalry between these two players is a genuinely keen one, and their recent match at the "Y", which resulted in a win for Pereira, has left the issue for the next encounter an open one.

In their last game, Pereira scored a win on points, while Harvey had the satisfaction of taking two of the three frames played. Admission to this match is by ticket only, and will be limited to 60.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

BEST cricket performances on Saturday were Anderson's 74 not out for Kowloon Cricket Club against Indians, and Danbrowsky's 6 for 16 for Police against K.C.C. 2nd XI.

BATTING	
D. J. N. Anderson	74
M. R. Abbas	69
K. M. Baxter	67
C. Ansle	50
C. N. Gosano	46
A. H. Madar	41
T. Y. N. Fortescue	36
A. H. Rumlahn	36
F. J. Lay	34
L. Cpl. Stonor	32
Spr. Ratcliffe	32
E. A. R. Alves	31
J. E. Richardson	31
D. Chelliah	30
F. J. Remedios	30
BOWLING	
H. Danbrowsky	6 for 16
A. M. Omar	6 for 20
R. J. Fenton	5 for 7
N. L. Smith	5 for 26
A. H. Minu	5 for 73
J. A. Soares	4 for 37
Sam Dixon	4 for 34
P. M. N. da Silva	4 for 39
Spr. Tropp	4 for 46

FOOTBALL

The Shield competition started in earnest over the week-end and although the results in the Senior division were more or less as expected there were several surprises in the Junior section.

Sing Tao were lucky to survive as they were on the defensive for most of the time in their game against Middlesex and only the good goal-keeping of Cheung Wing-choy saved the Chinese. The biggest surprise in the Junior division was the defeat of Engineers, last year's runners-up by 38th R.A. a Third Division team.

RUGBY

The last of the Quadrangular Rugby games was played at Boundary street where Army beat Police by 14 points to nil. A depleted Navy side aided by two club players lost to a scratch Club team by 11 points to nil after being 3-0 down at the interval.

KWANTI RACE MEETING

Following are the results of yesterday's race meeting at Kwanti:

THE SHATAUKOK HURDLE RACE. For China Ponies. One and a quarter miles. Viber, 172 lb.

(Feilden) 1
Jack O'Lantern, 160 lb.
(Barrow) 2

(Chattey) 3
Mortmain, 165 lb.

Won by Four lengths; half a length.
Time: 2.48.0

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$73.20.
Places 1st \$9.10, 2nd \$8.80, 3rd \$12.10.
Also ran: -Classic Hall, 160 lb.
(Van Rynberk); Rob Roy, 160 lb.
(Calderara); Three Farthings, 160 lb.
(Ingram); Venture, 160 lb.
(Gregory); and Zero, 165 lb.
(Haynes).

THE LO WU HANDICAP. For China Ponies "E" Class. Six furlongs. Plain View, 135 lb.

(Poy) 1
Gallant Marshal, 147 lb.

(Pan) 2
Arabian Cat, 159 lb.

(Hook) 3
Won by one length; half length.

Time: 1.37.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$73.30.
Places 1st \$20.30, 2nd \$12.40, 3rd \$10.40.

Also ran: -King's Envoy, 135 lb.
(Chao); Lucky Eleven, 150 lb.
(Wei); and National Liberty, 149 lb.
(Tao).

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP. A steeplechase of one and three-quarter miles for Australian Ponies. Brutus, 168 lb.

(Treverton) 1
Sea Urchin, 162 lb.

(Gregory) 2
Glorious Star, 162 lb.

(Hook) 3
Won by two lengths; six lengths.

Time: 3.42.1
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$7.80.
Places 1st \$8.90, 2nd \$7.30.

Also ran: -Kiola, 140 lb.
(Barrow); and Tevioldale, 155 lb.
(Chattey).

THE KWANTI CUP. One Mile. For Australian Ponies "D" Class. Schmetterling, 135 lb.

(Treverton) 1
Dick Turpin, 140 lb.

(Gregory) 2
Colorado Star, 137 lb.

(Davis) 3
Won by one and half lengths; half length.

Time: 1.54.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$54.30.
Places 1st \$18.50, 2nd \$10.40.

Also ran: -Tarzan, 135 lb.
(Hop).

THE SAN WAI HANDICAP. One Mile. For China Ponies "D" Class. Royal Wedding Eve, 153 lb.

(Craven) 1
Royal Highness, 150 lb.

(Tao) 2
Phoenix, 155 lb.

(Woo) 3
Won by short head; half length.

Time: 2.10.

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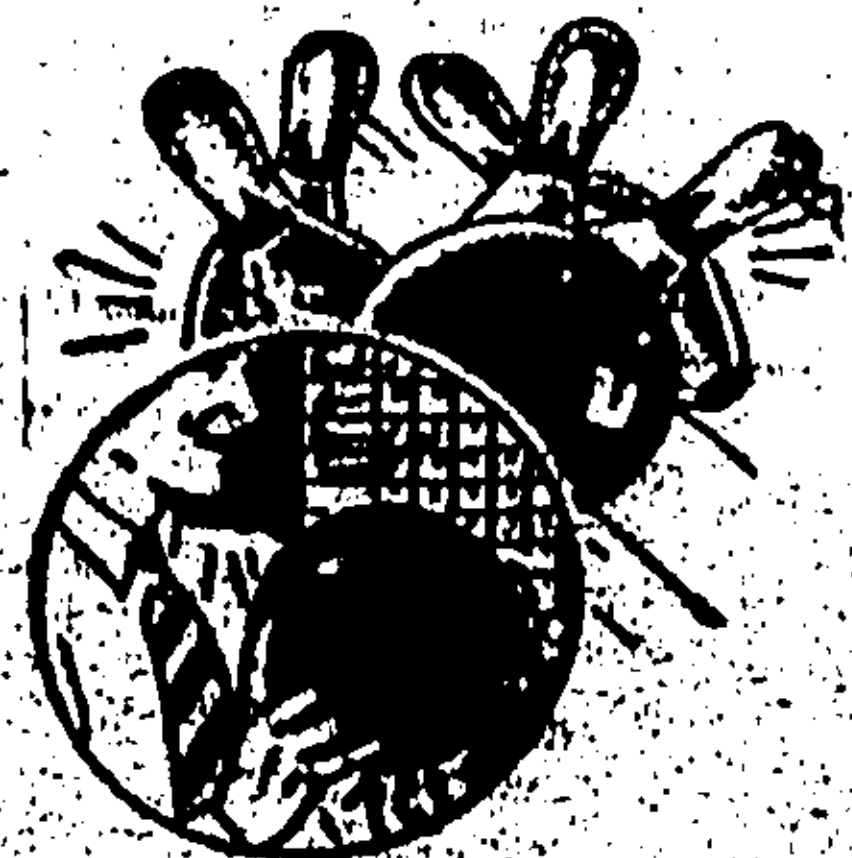
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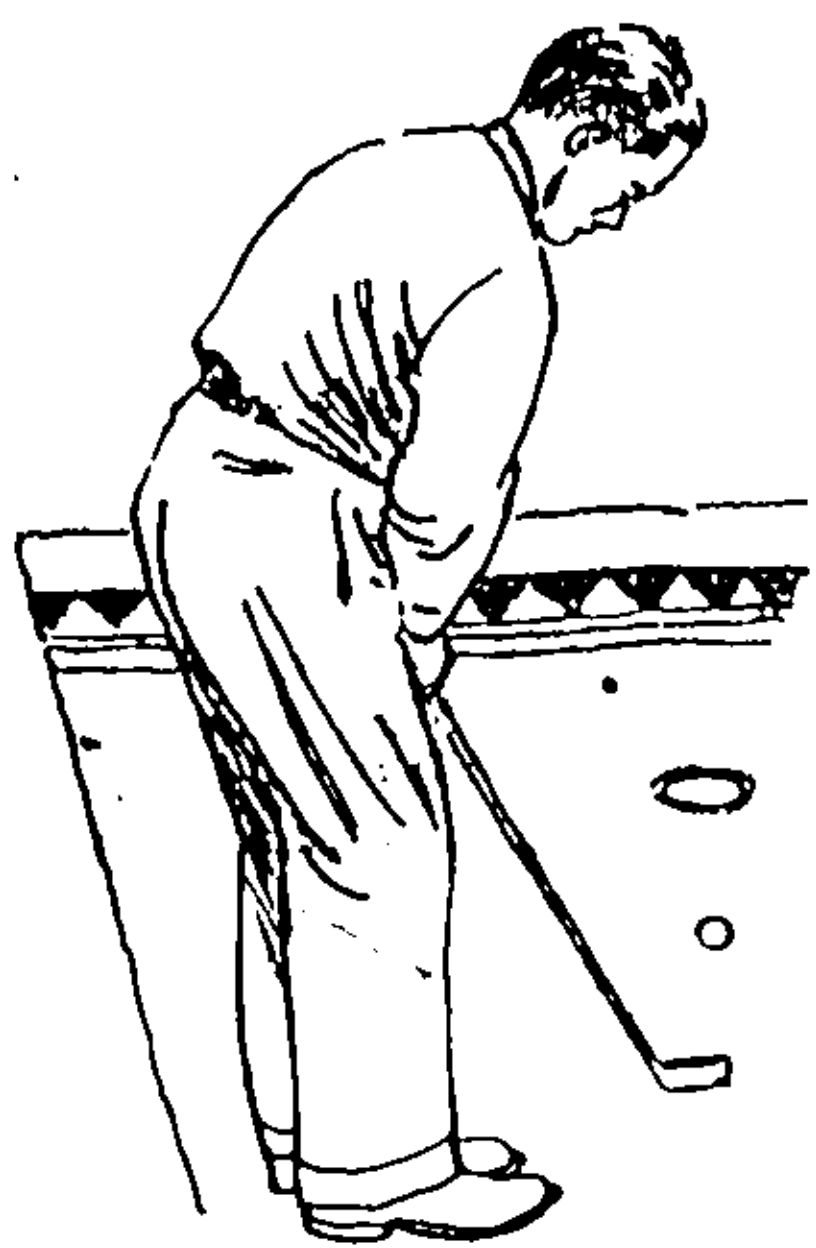
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Indoor Practice In Putting

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A 4 1/4 inch target on the living room rug affords a good objective to putt at in the winter time, provided one can disassociate his mind from the usual plunk of the successful putt in golf. A round piece of cardboard, 4 1/4 inches in diameter, which is the exact size of the cup or the mere outline of the same dimensions will serve. It seems advisable here not to suggest cutting a hole in the rug for various reasons.

With the objective plainly marked, the player can concentrate on just giving the ball enough roll to have it die at the outside edge. In actual play the ball will quite likely drop in if it touches the rim at any point so this attention to stroking, and the proper calculation of distance, will reward the golfer later on. Next Article—Putting Freedom.

STRICT ADHERENCE TO RULING

According to a circular issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club, the attention of Owners and Jockeys is drawn to Rule of Racing No. 150, which reads as follows:—

"The first four placed riders and any other rider if called upon to weigh in by the Stewards must immediately after pulling up, ride his horse to the dismounting enclosure, dismount, in the presence of a Steward, and present himself to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales."

As from January 30 the foregoing rule will be strictly enforced. In the event of the disqualification of any of the first three placed ponies, failure to weigh in on the part of the rider of the pony officially placed fourth will entail the forfeiture of any stake money to which the owner of the pony would have been entitled.

SELLING LOTTERIES ON BIG RACES

Hong Kong Jockey Club Selling Lotteries will be conducted on:—the Hong Kong Derby, the Austral Derby and the Rooty-Hill Derby at the Club House, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 14.

These are open to Members and their friends, but all non-members must be introduced by a Member and their names entered in the Visitors' Book.

Lists of chances are available for signature at the Hong Kong Club, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Chances in any of these three Lotteries are \$5. each.

Owing to the congested state of the Enclosures at Race Meetings, no children will be permitted to enter Hong Kong Jockey Club's premises on Race days on any pretext whatsoever.

From Here & There

After an absence, Lockhart will again be seen in action between the sticks in C.B.A.'s Hockey Tournament game against 5th A.A. "A" this afternoon.

Owing to the inability of E. V. Alves to turn out this afternoon, F. Soares will act as custodian for Nomads in their Tournament hockey game against Police "B" today.

Rothwell, who will turn out at inside-left for Police "B", will be the only European member of the team.

N. C. Sen Gupta, whilst playing in the cricket match between University and Y.M.C.A. at Pokfulam on Sunday, received a nasty blow on the nose which kept him off the field for the remainder of the game.

R. Baldwin, who bowled so well for Kowloon Cricket Club juniors in their League cricket match against Recreio last week, is proceeding to England on leave shortly.

C. B. Robertson, the lawn bowler, returned to the Colony from long leave in the course of the week.

Pte. Stickley, former Colony and Army hockey player, returned to the Middlesex hockey side in the course of the week after a prolonged absence owing to injuries.

R. Hall, who was mainly responsible for the institution of lawn bowls at Kowloon Football Club, has left Colony on retirement. Hall has been prominently identified with K.F.C. for many years.

G. A. Stewart, who turned out for Hong Kong Cricket Club seniors last season, is one of the leading figures in the few cricket matches played in Manila. In a recent match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies of Manila, he took part in an opening partnership with H. L. Robertson which realised 88 runs and enabled the Scots to win easily.

H.K.C.C. ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Hong Kong Cricket Club announces the forthcoming tennis championships, which will start on the H.K.C.C. ground on Monday, March 10.

The usual open singles and doubles events will be held, while there is again a large list of members' events.

A departure from precedent has been set this year as it has been decided by the committee that any surplus resulting from the tournament be donated to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

Small momentos, therefore,

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The second Jan Trophy race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Joss	15.07.50	1
(G. E. Neve)		
La Linda	15.13.22	2
(P. Chidell)		
Maureen	15.20.25	3
(Blake, Barnett)		
True Blue	15.27.42	4
(L. P. Ralph)		
Gull	15.28.44	5
(A. O. G. Mills)		
Ariki	15.45.51	6
(Forsyth, Browne)		
Artemis	15.48.55	7
(G. G. Wood)		
Painted Lady	15.51.31	8
(D. Smith)		
Isobel	15.51.43	9
(R. L. Berridge)		

will be presented to winners of the various events in the place of the trophies presented heretofore.

The possible effect of Volunteer duties is also taken into consideration and intending competitors are asked to assist the committee by stating on which days of the week they are unable to play owing to Volunteer or other duties.

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GREAT ARMY FROM CANADA

A great army of armoured units is going overseas from Canada this year, declared the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, in a broadcast from Ottawa yesterday. — Reuter.

VICHY SCRATCHES OFF A FEW NAMES

Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander of the Free French naval forces, has been deprived of French nationality, according to an announcement made in Vichy yesterday.

Several other prominent Frenchmen were also named. Among them are:

Baron Eugene de Rothschild, a member of famous banking family;

Richard Brunot, formerly Gov-

Cross The Channel In Waves

R.A.F. FIGHTERS crossing the English Channel in several waves, and joined once by bombers, carried out offensive sweeps once again by daylight yesterday over German-occupied territory.

These and other operations by single British bombers ended a 24-hour phase of R.A.F. action by day and night which was limited by unfavourable weather but showed more vigour than action by the Luftwaffe over Britain.

Altogether three Nazi invasion bases were attacked and of them, Boulogne, twice.

The story of the further sweeps is told by the Air Ministry in the following communique:—

"During daylight to-day formations of our fighters carried out offensive sweeps over the Straits of Dover and enemy-occupied territory. Of a small number of enemy aircraft encountered three fighters were

destroyed.

"On one sweep our fighters were accompanied by a small force of bombers which attacked docks at Boulogne.

"Other attacks were made by single aircraft of the Coastal Command on enemy aerodromes at Ostend and Berek.

Fighter Missing

"An enemy fighter which attacked one of these aircraft was shot down. One fighter is missing from these operations."

Boulogne docks have been attacked just before dawn by another small force of R.A.F. bombers, which also raided Ostend, while docks at Brest were attacked during Saturday night by another small force.

German Raids

The German air force was not reported over any part of Britain on Saturday night and yesterday confined itself to "slight activity by single aircraft" over the eastern part of England, the Air Ministry announces.

A few bombs were dropped in East Anglia but did little damage and caused no casualties. It is officially announced.

During the afternoon some houses and shops were damaged and a small number of people injured by bombing at two places on the coast of Kent.

Value To Navy

The R.A.F. has shown by its action in the last 24 hours how the air offensive of 1941 over Western Europe can be shared with the Luftwaffe by day as well as night, writes Reuter's air correspondent.

Operations were limited on account of the weather but the very fact that they were pursued in the face of unfavourable conditions shows signs of healthy vigour.

The one-sided daylight offensive of last summer has gone, possibly for all time. — Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISION AT BARENTU CUT OFF

(Continued from Page 1)

Keren is probably less well defended than Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is now expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours the defence.

Agordat was held by a large Italian garrison a number of whom evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman in Cairo yesterday said the Italians at Barentu were now in "a very sticky position."

Virtually Surrounded

They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

Meanwhile British shells are raining down on the Metemma-Gondar road as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by surprise as they had expected to be faced only with guerilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring. — Reuter.

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CHUNGKING

Chinese circles in Chungking are not at all perturbed over the Communist situation as a result of the High Command's decision to disband the Communist New Fourth Army last month.

Following the conclusion of brief fighting between Government and Communist troops on the south bank of the Yangtse no major fighting has been reported taking place between Government and Communist troops in any other areas.

Meanwhile negotiations are progressing between the Government and Communist authorities for an amicable settlement of differences.

The Chinese Government is not involving any party with Government measures concerning the New Fourth Army and is maintaining the usual relations with the Chinese Communist Party and other political groups. — Reuter.

CAVALLERO
LOSSES IN
ALBANIA

All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated Athens radio last night, adding that Greek forces had steadily advanced and had taken up new lines and positions according to plan.

Athens radio added that these operations were beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued: "Very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Elisura obliged General Cavallero, the Italian commander-in-chief, to order the speedy evacuation of Italian forces of this important area."

40 Per Cent. Losses

Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check this Greek advance is doomed to failure because after repeated disasters their striking power has been very substantially reduced. "Losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers at as high as 40 per cent of their total effectives." — Reuter.

Italians Already In
Trouble In EritreaAUSTRALIANS
WARNED TO
WATCH JAPAN

Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister, speaking at a parade in Melbourne yesterday.

He added: "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe." — Reuter.

Japanese
Firebugs
In S'hai

While Shanghai was soundly asleep a party, alleged to be Japanese, commandeered a British-owned taxi at 3 o'clock this morning, threw out the Chinese driver, drove to the Race Course and tried to burn down the matchshed where the Ratepayers are meeting again on Wednesday.

The fire brigade put out the fire before serious damage was done, although the taxi, which was first set on fire to light up the matchshed, was a total loss.

The party fired several shots into the matchshed before leaving, and to cover their escape.

The shed was the scene of last week's sensational shooting of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the S.M.C., by Mr. Hayashi. — Reuter and International News Service.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL POINT IN ERITREA ON THE RAILWAY LEADING TO THE RED SEA PORT OF MASAWA.

Announcing this success yesterday's communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo says: "Yesterday (Saturday) morning British troops captured the town of Agordat, taking many hundreds of prisoners with guns and mechanical transport."

"Six Italian medium tanks, five light tanks and 15 guns were also destroyed, while the enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack, carried out by British and Indian troops with R.A.F. cooperation."

"By dusk on Saturday evening advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren."

"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well while further south Biacundi is now in British hands with more prisoners from the Italian forces which originally withdrew from Umm-Hagar."

"As a result of these actions, coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Wakkait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical transport and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks."

Retreat In Abyssinia

"In Abyssinia, following British pressure in the Metemma area, the enemy is also in full retreat on the Metemma-Gondar road, closely followed by British mobile troops."

"Pressure by British patrols continues in all sectors in Italian Somaliland and across the Italian frontier, resulting in a general falling back of the enemy's advanced screen."

Regarding Libya the communique says the concentration of British forces in the area west of Derna is proceeding smoothly. — Reuter.

Pressing On

Following the capture of Agordat the British troops were yesterday pressing on towards Keren, 50 miles further east on the rail. (Continued on Page 16)

TAKING
SEVERE
KNOCKS

Italy's East African Empire has taken more severe knocks with the fall of Agordat, strategic rail on the route to the Red Sea, the falling back of the armed advance screen protecting Somaliland and the full retreat of the forces which had held up the British penetration into north-east Abyssinia, from Metemma.

Italian forces seeking a way across the mountains in the Wakkait district of Eritrea were forced to abandon most of their mechanical transport because of British and patriot activities.

The Axis High Command reports intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya but British headquarters in Cairo say that the concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and R.A.F. fighters which maintained patrols over Libya suffered no loss.

It is considered probable, writes Reuter's air correspondent, that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily, though it is possible for shorter-range aircraft to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes. — Reuter.

SHUN PAO
EDITOR
SHOT

Ching Hua-ting, editor of the "Shun Pao," was shot dead at 4.30 this morning while passing the Ambassador Ballroom in Shanghai with friends.

Mr. Ching was hit by three bullets, one in the head and two in the chest. No arrests have yet been made.

Ching Hua-ting was one of the 33 men black-listed by the Nanking regime last year. He was armed with two automatics at the time but had no chance to use them, being shot at close range from behind. — Reuter and International News Service.



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GERMAN THREATS TO VICHY

Rumours Of Likely Denouncement Of Armistice

Neutrals Doubt Imminence Of Steps Of Drastic Nature

NAZI PILOT FOUND CRYING

Mr. Arter, a shepherd living in a remote cottage in the middle of Romney Marsh, saw a Messerschmidt 109 shot down by two Spitfires and fall among some trees 20 yards from his home.

Running to the spot, he found the machine burning fiercely and the pilot standing near wounded. He had scrambled out a few seconds before the machine burst into flames.

Mr. Arter detained him until a mobile unit arrived. He said that the Nazi, who was about 25, was very upset and was crying.

HITLER'S REPLY to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin yesterday.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible denouncement of the armistice by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

In this connection the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency Efe says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Marshal Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French colonial army and the French fleet."

The correspondent of the "Alcazar" declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

On The Verge

The Berlin representative of "ABC" however, expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision vis-a-vis France.

The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a struggle between Paris and Vichy.

The newspaper "Arriba," which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, yesterday wrote sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from radios and the press." — *Reuter*.

CAMPAIGN FOR BLOOD DONORS

The Princess Royal, in a broadcast yesterday, initiated a new campaign for blood donors throughout the country to supplement those already operating in London.

In its inception the appeal calls for 100,000 donors from the East and West Ridings of Yorkshire.

The Princess Royal revealed that during the recent heavy raids on London 11% of casualties admitted to hospital required a transfusion. In some cases the figure was as high as 25%.

The transfusion of a single patient might require the plasma of 10 or more donors, she said. It was vitally necessary, therefore, to enrol many more donors than were now available on existing panel. — *British Wireless*.

BIG HOUSE — 8 BILLETS

"This is a very large house, and there is a feeling that Lord and Lady Howard de Walden are pulling strings to prevent other people being billeted there."

So declared Mr. Glenvil Hall, putting a question in the House of Commons regarding the use of Audley End mansion near Saffron Walden, Essex, for evacuees.

Miss Horsburgh, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health,

R.A. GUNNER WINS KWANTI SWEEPSTAKE

The Goddess of Fortune favoured a young British soldier — a gunner in the Royal Artillery — yesterday at the Fanling Race Meeting.

He won the first prize in the Special Dollar Sweep on the main event — the Kwanti Cup — of the meeting, and was enriched by \$16,076.

DEATH OF MR. S. O. LEVINSON

The death took place in China yesterday of Salmon Oliver Levinson, the famous American lawyer. — *Reuter*.

AIR PART IN BRITISH ADVANCE

Bombers of the South African Air Force operated on Saturday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa.

They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where store dumps were hit, and bombed concentrations of motor transport at Mega and Yavello, and aerodromes at Zula, where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

An R.A.F. communique reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East and from all of them R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss.

The normal fighter patrols were maintained in Libya. Two damaged enemy aircraft were observed on the ground at Bafra.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over Malta and were attacked by British fighters. Two Fiat biplane fighters were destroyed.

Operations included a raid on the Albanian port of Valona. — *Reuter*.

MR. MATSUOKA'S FACES OVER A BITTER PILL

Any day President Roosevelt might decide to adopt a non-belligerent status towards the West as well as the East, and Japan facilitated this by signing the three-power pact, says the Swedish newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet."

This move was intended to frighten the American electors from supporting President Roosevelt but was a miscalculation and the pact had the opposite effect for it was used by President Roosevelt against its own instigators when he pointed out that freedom's enemies threatened America from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic.

Mr. Matsuoka, who started life as a Seattle errand boy and does not under-estimate United States resources, has not concealed his embarrassment over this fatal turn of events.

The international situation is now very different from what it was last year, when the Berlin pact was signed and it appeared likely England might be "liquidated" by German attacks.

"Although bleeding from many wounds Britain's arteries are not cut and her nerves are unshaken."

Standing Upright

"She stands, despite her tardy awakening, upright and has, with

th, in reply, said a family of eight had been billeted on the owners in a self-contained part of the house."

Though this was a large house, it was not convenient for billeting a large number of people, but if necessary more people would be put into it.

If necessary, alterations would have to be made in the house to provide all sanitary arrangements for a large number of people.

Greece, inflicted such defeats on Italy in the eastern Mediterranean that Germany is suddenly faced with a war on two fronts, splitting her strength.

"The Empire's resources are being rapidly mobilised and the U.S.A. is reaching a state of preparedness facilitating intensive intervention in the war."

Mr. Matsuoka has admittedly declared that Japan will fulfil her obligations to Berlin but at the same time has beseeched Washington to spare Japan this bitter pill by not openly entering the war.

Hara-Kiri

Japan had previously hoped to reach an agreement with Russia, and Russia had nothing against the non-intervention pact if it resulted in a conflict between Japan and America, but when it was requested that the Soviet should cease to supply China with war material, there came a very firm reply from the Soviet.

Thus Japan's action will be interpreted as hara-kiri by Japan's leading politician. — *Reuter*.

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Wild Two-Day Scenes Of Rioting In Johannesburg

Troops Object To Beards Of The Ossewabrandwag

WILD SCENES WERE WITNESSED IN JOHANNESBURG DURING THE WEEK-END WHEN THOUSANDS OF POLICE, CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS WERE INVOLVED IN SERIOUS RIOTS; 140 MOSTLY SOLDIERS, HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL UP TO THE PRESENT.

Armoured cars toured the streets yesterday morning but the city is now quiet.

Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the "Vaderland" — General Hertzog's newspaper — and the offices of the "Transvaler" — a Nationalist newspaper supporting a Republican policy. Both offices were damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night, when Dr. van Rensburg, former Free State Administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting.

The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature.

Dr. van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting was concluded.

Soldiers and civilians were involved, some of the latter wearing beards, which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

Soldiers Resentful

Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes."

These flashes indicate that the wearers volunteered for duty in any part of Africa—both police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued yesterday morning, when the police used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van set ablaze.

Police reinforcements were sent from outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out.

Troops summoned from military camps assisted the military and police to maintain order.

Bearded Man

On Saturdays Johannesburg is usually crowded with soldiers on leave and trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tramcar which they attacked. Many shop windows were broken.

Soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the "Transvaler" building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the building, breaking the plate-glass windows of the "Vaderland," where printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when the disturbances were at their worst. —Reuter.

Boers Blamed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

At least 140 were wounded and sent to hospital in riots in Johannesburg over the week-end.

Heavily reinforced bodies of troops and armoured cars are now patrolling the streets.

The authorities blame Boer Republican extremists and the German element for the trouble. —International Service News.

SOLDIER BEGS LIFT, CAR KILLS HIM

Signalling to a motorist for a lift in the black-out, a soldier, Drummer Wilfred Appleton (33), whose home was at Heytesbury, Wilts, was struck by the car and fatally injured.

At the inquest at Loughborough the North Leicestershire Coroner, Mr. H. J. Deane, recorded a verdict of "Accidental death."

The car driver, also a soldier, said that Appleton was in the roadway with his arms outstretched. He braked and swerved, but the radiator struck Appleton.

Two bottles in Appleton's pocket were unbroken.

79, DIED ON WEDDING DAY

On the morning he was to have married him, Thomas Davis, seventy-nine, retired farm labourer, of Woodward's-place, Bloxwich, Walsall, found Mrs. Georgina Hodgkins, a widow, also aged seventy-nine, dead in bed.

The old couple had been neighbours for a number of years and Mr. Davis told the coroner at the inquest that because Mrs. Hodgkins had not been well she was sleeping downstairs in his house.

Hearing a bump during the night he went down to her room and found she had fallen on the floor.

She said she was not hurt, and after putting her back to bed he returned to his own room. In the morning he found her dead in bed.

A doctor said that death was due to heart weakness and old age.

ANTONESCU'S WARNING TO IRON GUARD REBELS

A BAND OF REBEL Iron Guards who massacred 92 people in the Forest of Jalava, near Bucharest, on January 21, have been arrested, says a Bucharest despatch this morning. They will appear before a military tribunal.

An official communiqué issued in Bucharest yesterday states that all is now quiet in the country.

SCHOOLBOYS FORM OWN A.R.P. CORPS

A school in a South-East Coast village, miles away from the nearest siren, has devised its own A.R.P. service.

In the study of the headmaster, Mr. A. T. Campbell, a special spotter system operated by the boys has been installed.

There is a telephone switchboard, and the boys take it in turn to operate this in school hours. One boy with a tin helmet acts as messenger.

On receipt of a "red" he informs the headmaster, and then goes round all the class-rooms informing the teachers.

Two other boys in tin hats with whistles—who have been trained in aircraft detection—then go into the playground, and act as spotters.

"But for this system we should never know until it was too late," said Mr. Campbell.

The authorities, it adds, are still seeking out and arresting "those responsible for the trouble," and a large quantity of materials and merchandise stolen by rebels has been seized.

"In future I will be implacable and will not tolerate any disorder," declared General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator-Premier, in a press interview yesterday.

Nobody would dare repeat the recent attempt to overthrow the established order, he added, saying: "I swear nobody in the world will hinder me from defending the honour, rights and peace of Rumanians."

Appeal To Youth

Addressing Rumania's youth he asked them to "examine their consciences, give up thoughts of violence against the State and collaborate in the reconstruction of the country."

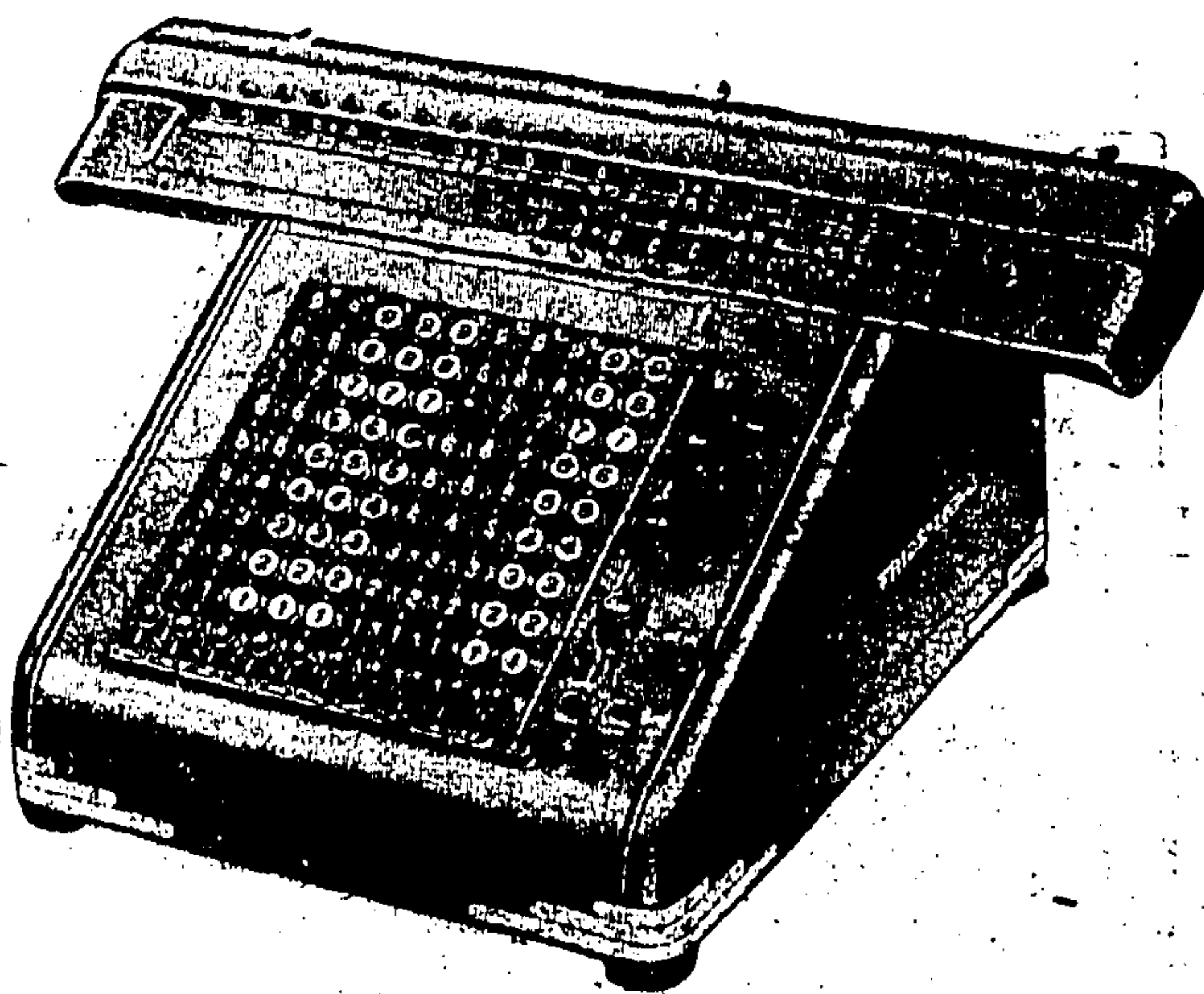
He concluded by asking all Rumanians to take as their example the great struggles and magnificent sacrifices of the Fuehrer and Duce and the National-Socialist and Fascist revolutions. —Reuter.



Field-Marshal Lord Milne, Colonel Commandant of the Pioneer Corps, during a tour of inspection of Pioneers at work clearing the debris in London. (Copyright, Fox).

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ITALIAN AIRMEN PRISONERS OF WAR.—These are the first pictures to be obtained of Italian airmen as prisoners of war in this country. They were taken at a London station recently and are of particular interest following the news that 13 Italian planes were shot down by the R.A.F. An Italian airman prisoner, hands in pockets, on arrival at a London station on the way to an internment camp. (Copyright, Fox).

INDIA'S INDUSTRY IN FULL BLAST FOR ARMS PRODUCTIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Black smoke was belching from all the chimneys of the Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully guarded gates to be shown huge workshops where carriages for India's guns are constructed.

All round was the roar of powerful machinery and when I entered the workshops the noise was almost deafening.

I entered one of the workshops where, amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces, skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

In another workshop, where the final assembly of gun-carriages is done, I saw one of the latest guns, complete with a new carriage.

The old wooden spoke-wheels have been abolished and the formidable weapon I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres.

Output Trebled

All guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India. Since the outbreak of war the output of the factory has been two or three times pre-war production while the number of workmen has more than doubled.

Production is almost continuous, ranging from 20 hours daily in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun-carriages the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army, which it is now producing in thousands. — Reuter.

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The executive of the Union is being asked to recognise the dispute, and action may be taken if other firms take over work from the firm in dispute.

It is alleged that while negotiations were proceeding regarding the dismissal of a shop steward a second shop steward was sacked.

The employees stopped work and were then told by the employer that they were all dismissed.

the towns which have suffered bombardment, among evacuees, among people whose homes have been destroyed, and among those whose dear ones have been killed.

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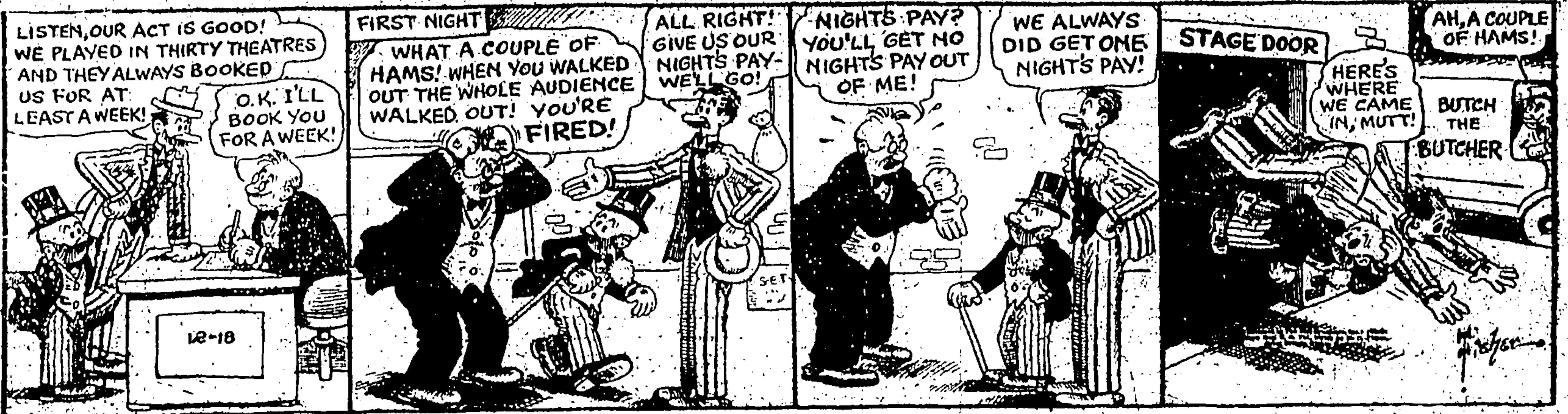
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MINNIE, 52 NOT OUT, IS THE FIREMEN'S MASCOT

(By A Special Correspondent)

MEET MINNIE, the firemen's mascot. She is a common tabby of uncertain age who three and a half years ago walked uninvited into London Fire Brigade headquarters.

Firemen found her asleep on the ladder of an engine. Since then she has been part of the service, has presented its members with exactly fifty-two tabby kittens, and there are more on the way!

When I was introduced to Minnie she was taking her afternoon milk in the local control room. With her was one of her offspring, tabby son Blitz. "He was born a week before the bombardment," a fireman told me. "That's why we named him Blitz."

Minnie knows all about the fire business and is teaching young Blitz not to be caught napping when the "bells go down"—that's what they say in the fire station when there's a call—by shepherding him to shelter.

At the first sound of alarm she's under the table and sits huddled up with Blitz, gazing with her big green eyes at the huge boots of the firemen rushing by. Not until it's "raid over" will she venture away from her shelter.

ing by. Not until it's "raid over" will she venture away from her shelter.

They Don't Drown 'em

"Minnie's alarm-conscious all right," one of them told me. "She knows exactly when to take shelter and when to come out."

Once, fast asleep on a fire engine ladder, she was taken for a ride. She enjoyed it, and settled herself to go out for another.

Everyone at headquarters knows Minnie, and she's sure of a saucer of milk in every department.

All her fifty-two kittens have been adopted by members of the brigade.

BOMB MISSED BABIES

Half buried by debris and suffering from a fractured hip, the Sister Superior of a bombed Catholic orphanage refused all efforts to help her till she was assured that all the children were safe.

The orphanage was bombed during a night raid on London.

Forty babies sleeping in a dormitory less than fifteen yards from where the bomb fell, and a number of boys who were having supper, were untouched.

The bomb fell on the orphanage chapel, where the Sister Superior and three other sisters were at prayer.

The three sisters escaped injury, but the Sister Superior was struck by the falling masonry and pinned underneath.

The sanctuary was destroyed and the altar split in pieces, fell into the bomb crater.

Only a few minutes before the bomb fell the forty little mites had been put to bed in the nursery building.

"It was a miracle that they were not hurt," Sister Augustine, one of the sisters who was in the chapel, told a reporter.

"There was an awful explosion, and everything went black," she said. "I was stunned. I could not think or act. I felt the roof falling in on us, and I could not move."

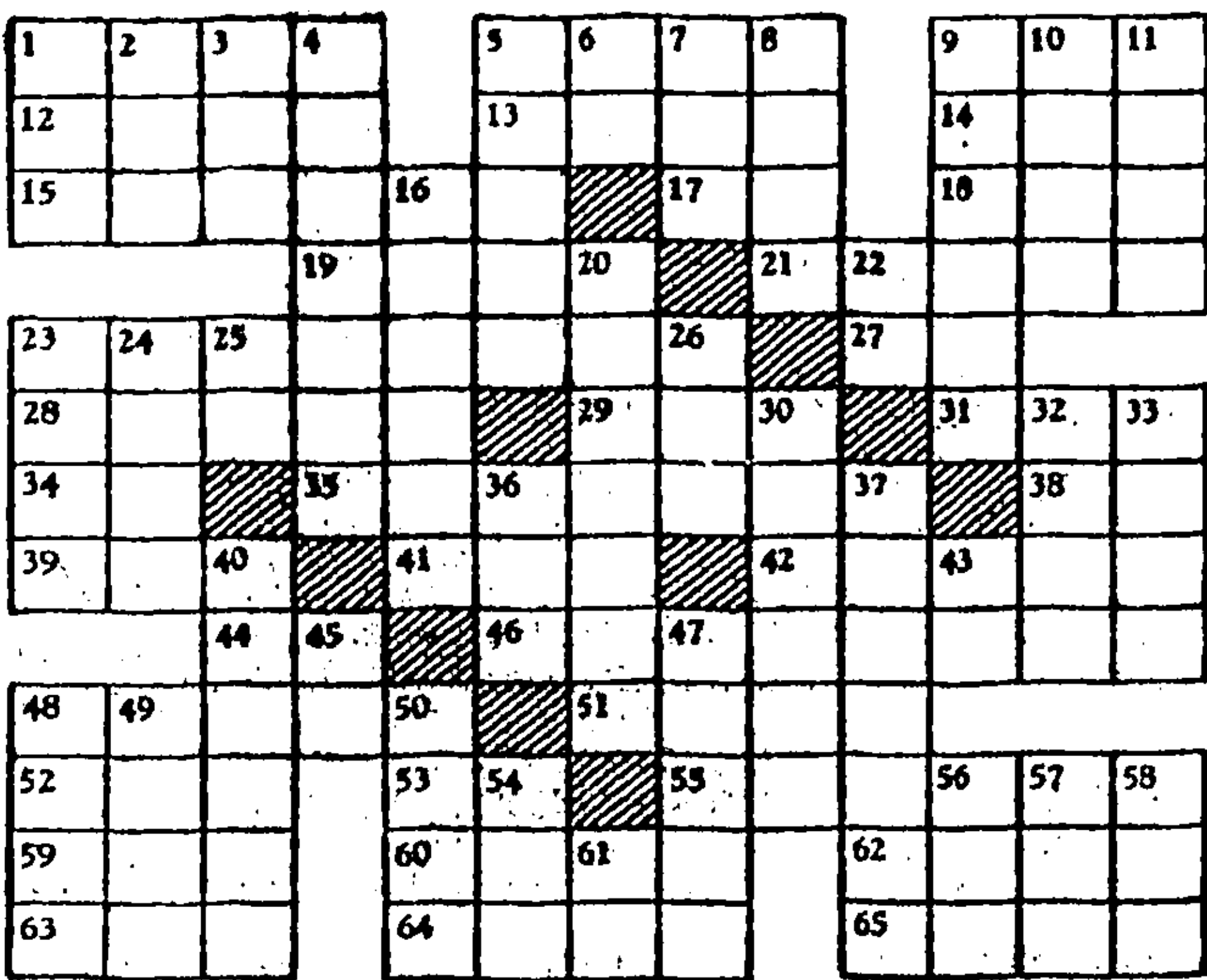
"Then I stood up, marvelling that I was alive and unhurt. I rushed outside and found two of the other Sisters out there. We realised that Sister Superior was still in there, and went back to try to find her."

"We found her covered in wreckage and dust, with only her head and shoulders above it. She would not let us touch her till she knew the children were safe, though she must have been in great pain."

Richard Lucas, a warden who was near the chapel, was blown into the air. "I was just lifted as though by an invisible hand," he said, "and don't remember anything else till I found myself lying inside the next room."

The chapel is attached to a staff building between the main block of the orphanage and the nursery, and the bomb did no damage to either.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Slipping walk
- 5 Insane
- 9 Son of Noah
- 12 Medicinal plant
- 13 Country in Europe
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Capital of ancient Laconia
- 17 Because
- 18 Nocturnal mammal
- 19 Brain membrane
- 21 Siberian carnivore
- 23 Ostentatious display of learning
- 27 Greek letter
- 28 To shun
- 29 Moisture
- 31 Wager
- 34 Artificial language
- 35 Retribution
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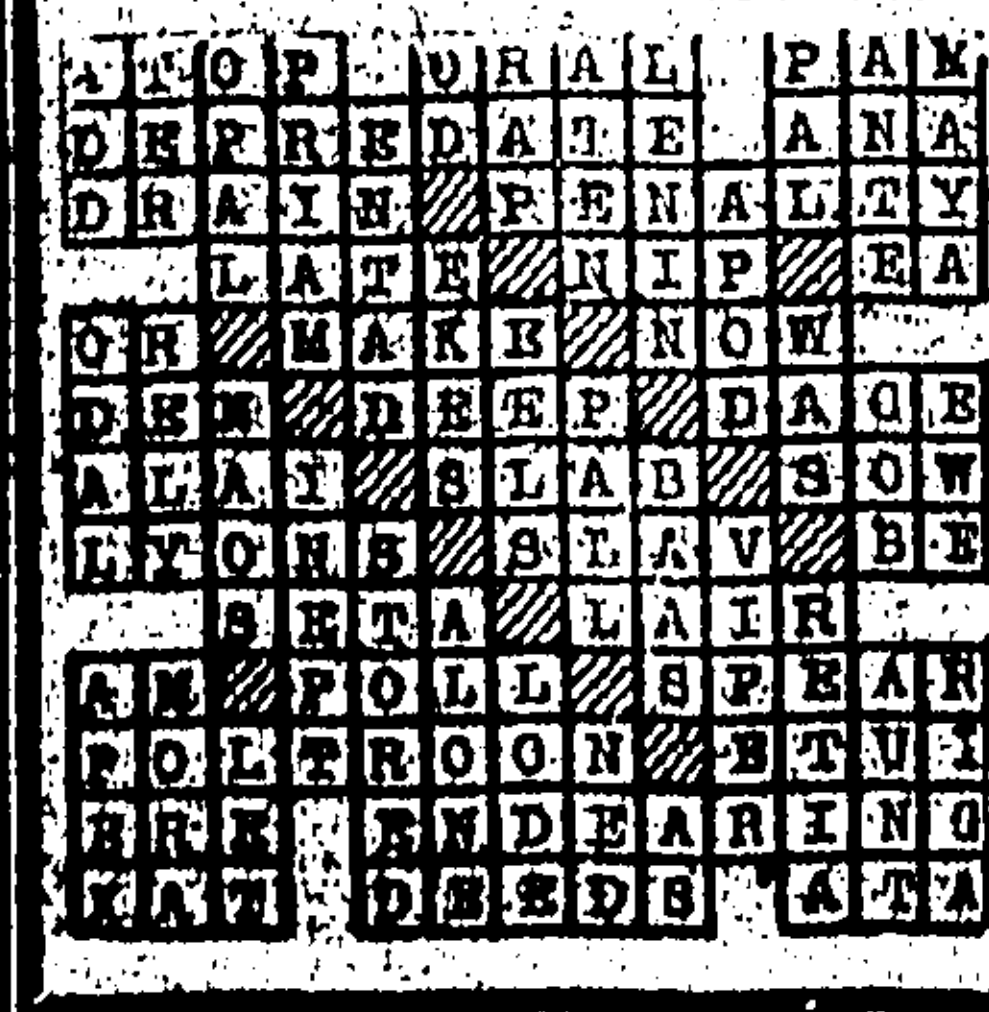
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- 2 High mountain
- 3 Extinct bird
- 4 To relate
- 5 Meted
- 6 Sloth
- 7 Monk
- 8 Thomas Hardy heroine

9 Clamour

- 10 Sea in Russian Turkestan
- 11 Bit
- 16 Delicate
- 20 Warmth
- 22 Part of "to be"
- 23 To separate
- 24 Cry of the Bacchanals
- 25 Note of scale
- 26 Affirmative
- 28 Bequeathed
- 32 Wrong
- 33 Spreads for drying
- 36 Male
- 37 Dominant
- 40 Emphasis
- 43 Note of scale
- 45 Laid measure
- 47 Hindu prayer rug
- 48 Final
- 49 Part of eye
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- 54 Poetic above
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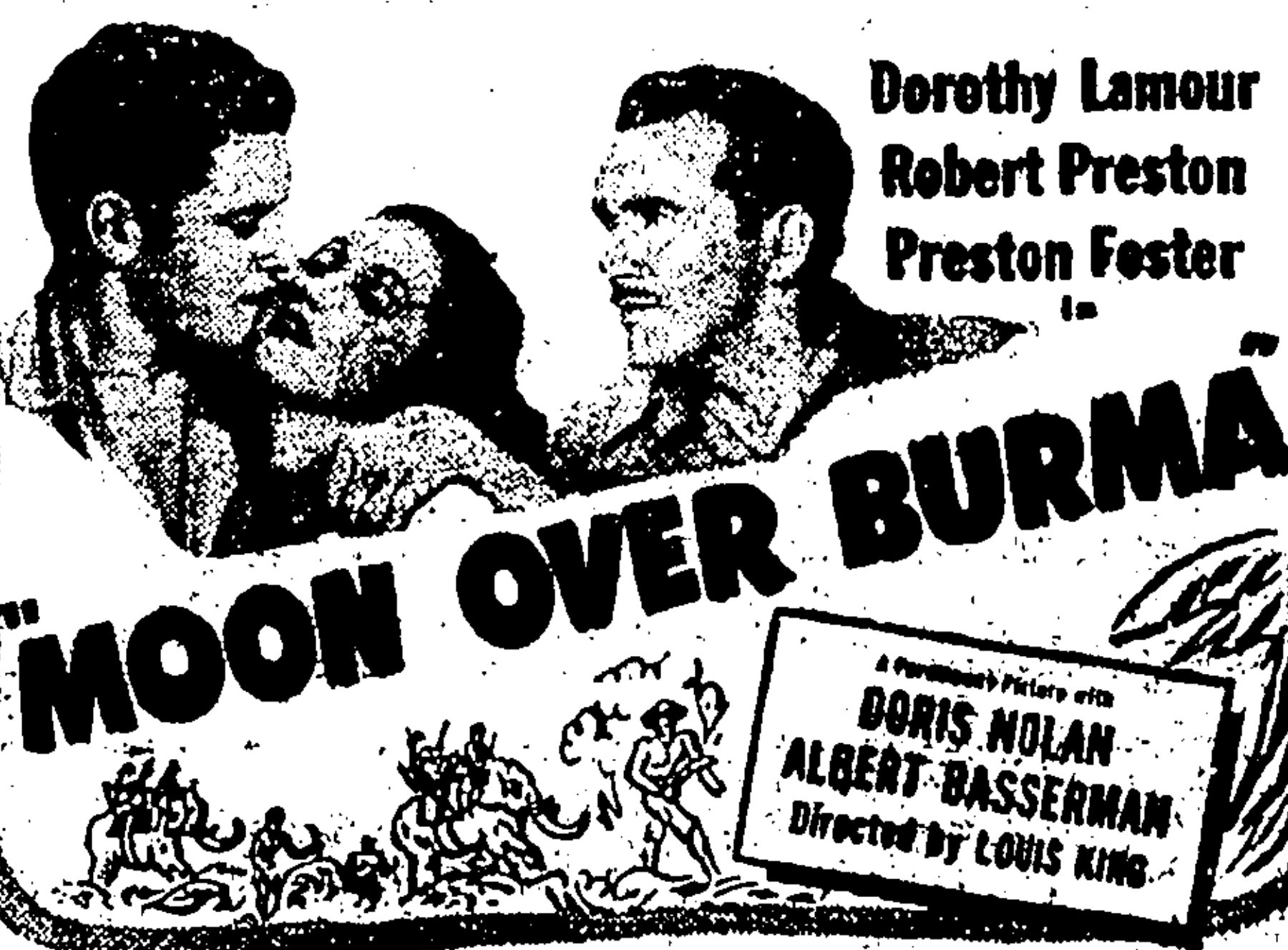


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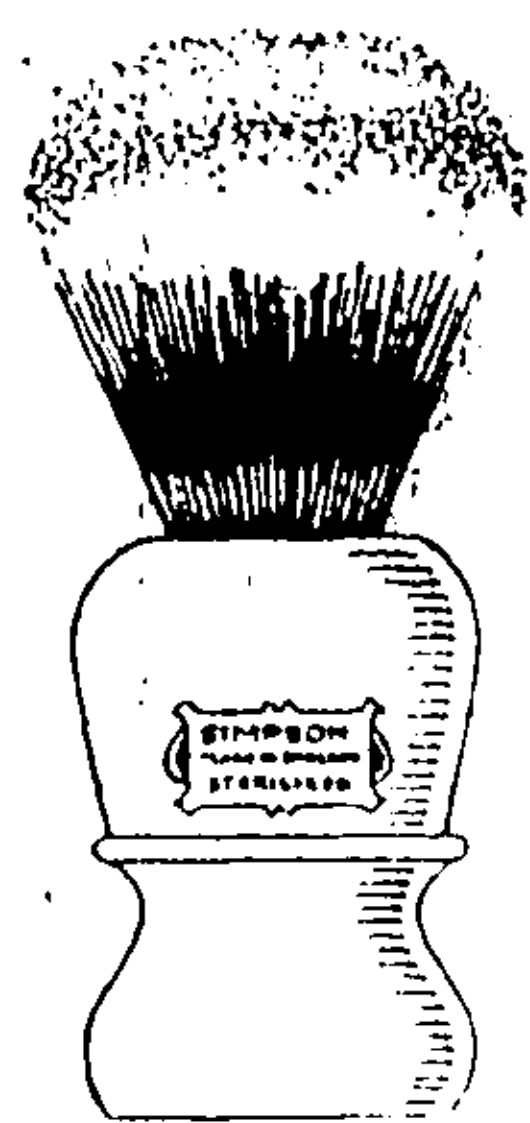
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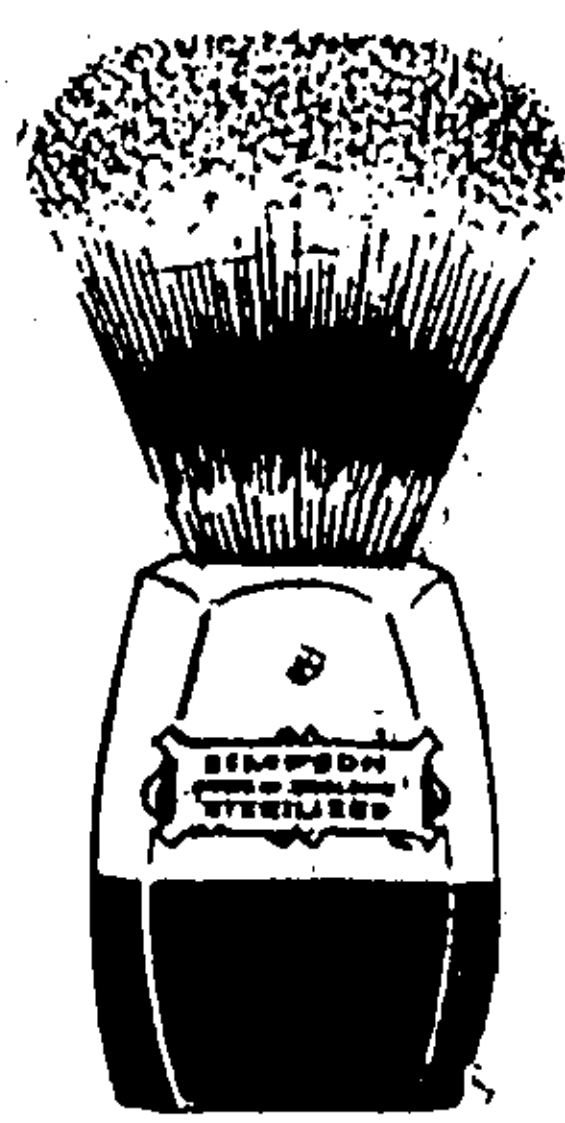
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ITALY'S PLIGHT IN EAST AFRICA: MASSAWATHREAT

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

NEWS OF THE CAPTURE of Agordat and of a further advance on several fronts in Abyssinia is notable proof, if such indeed is required, of British military power and the tenacity of British military leadership against the Italian East African Empire.

In exact proportion it is also a very clear commentary on the military inefficiency of the Italian army.

The selection of British lines of advances against so vast a territory as that of Abyssinia displays a very high level of strategical judgment.

For instance, the line of advance from Kassala strikes by the shortest route at the most decisive point in Italian possessions in East Africa — the great port of Massawa.

For nearly 60 years Massawa has been the centre of their Government and might have been called their base if such a term has any meaning for the Italians in Abyssinia, cut off as they are by sea from all communication with the outside world.

The capture of Massawa will be a tremendous moral blow to the Italians in Abyssinia, for Eritrea is by far the most loyal part of their hold in East Africa.

Value To Navy

In addition, the capture of Massawa will be of considerable value to the British Navy and will facilitate, if necessary, the supply of arms and equipment which the Abyssinians may require for the redemption of their country from the Italian grasp.

The success at Agordat and the British pursuit of the Italians as far as Keren, points to an early attack on Asmara itself, which is a very important Italian hill station from which the British can descend upon Massawa.

The retreat of the defenders of Barentu is now gravely imperilled and they will probably be able to escape only by the abandonment of their wheeled and mechanised transport.

The British second line advance from Galabat is directed on the important administrative centre of Gondar.

Centre Of Resistance

As far as can be gathered from the somewhat vague reports of operations in Somaliland, the port of Mogadisu is the British objective there.

By these three advances the centre of Italian resistance round Addis Ababa will be almost completely isolated and deprived of many sources of supply.

With the natives of the whole country rising in revolt, which, be it noted, has been carefully prepared and is being well equipped, the Italians will be almost forced to concentrate round Addis Ababa for a final stand.

Their situation in Abyssinia is indeed becoming desperate. — Reuter.

VALONA BOMBED

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albanian port of Valona on Saturday.

The raid was carried out in bad weather and warehouses, a munitions dump and a timber depot were among targets effectively bombed, direct hits being registered on buildings.

According to headquarters of the British forces, anti-aircraft fire was intense but the R.A.F. formation machine-gunned batteries from a low level.

All British aircraft returned safely to base. — Reuter.

WILLKIE VISIT TO COVENTRY

Mr. Wendell Willkie started his tour of the bombed provincial cities of England yesterday with visits to Coventry and Birmingham.

He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

Rest of the tour, made by car, gave Mr. Willkie an opportunity of seeing the effects of the indiscriminate bombing on the night of the big raid last November, including the destruction of historic buildings, premises and dwelling houses.

At a press conference Mr. Willkie stated the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated.

He was greatly impressed by the high morale shown by the citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up.

He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.

Tour of Birmingham

After his tour of Birmingham Mr. Willkie said he had been impressed by the organisation of the so-called "shadow" factories.

Referring to damage in Birmingham Mr. Willkie said he had

VICHY SCRATCHES OFF A FEW NAMES

Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander of the Free French naval forces, has been deprived of French nationality, according to an announcement made in Vichy yesterday.

Several other prominent Frenchmen were also named Among them are:

Baron Eugene de Rothschild, a member of famous banking family;

Richard Brunot, formerly Governor of the French Cameroons, who was dismissed by the Vichy Government and is now at headquarters of the Free French Forces in London, and

Jacques Meyer, professor at the Hanot School of Medicine. — Reuter.

FOOCHOW ATTACK FORESHADOWED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was learned yesterday in Shanghai that the Japanese are contemplating an attack on Foochow and Changchow, the only two important cities along the China coast still in Chinese hands. — Our Own Correspondent.

been surprised at its extent "but the reorganisation which I have seen put into operation is a perfect example of how a city can recover."

Mr. Willkie added that without the morale, courage and steadfastness which he had seen everywhere this reconstruction and recovery could not be done.

"I personally hope America will give you such aid," he added. "that with such steadfastness and courage you will shortly win through." — Reuter.

Large Crowds

Arriving in the Birmingham boundary from Coventry Mr. Willkie was met by a large and enthusiastic crowd which made any formal reception by City dignitaries impossible.

Hundreds of people crowded around, endeavouring to shake Mr. Willkie's hand and all the way along the route to the Birmingham Council House crowds had gathered to cheer this distinguished American visitor. — British Wireless.

MR. PRIESTLEY WANTS BLITZ INNS

BROADCASTING last evening Mr. J. B. Priestley described his visit to a "communal feeding centre" in Liverpool.

"It was clean, bright and sensible and had some excellent mural paintings on the walls.

I took my place in a queue which was composed of many different types of people, young and old, rough and smooth. I bought a sixpenny ticket for a meat and vegetable dish, a twopenny one for a sweet and a penny one for coffee.

A young woman in spotless white, working quickly and deftly, handed me a plate of beef stew and vegetables, some apple pie and custard and finally a cup of coffee.

The beef stew was very nicely cooked though I could have done with a bit more beef in it. The apple pie was quite good. The coffee, which I had expected to be hot, wet and nothing more, was surprisingly good."

Mr. Priestley, who earlier in the broadcast suggested the Food Ministry should cease calling these restaurants "communal feeding centres," said if communal feeding was necessary, as it probably would be at least for one meal each day to save waste and obtain maximum value from foodstuffs, there should be "still bigger and jollier places, with rather more cosiness about them too, and introduce into them a few of the hundreds of musicians who are out of work, turning mere communal feeding into jolly dining.

At the same time—drop official titles and call them Lion and Bay, Winston Tavern, Blitz Arms, Victory Inn." — British Wireless.

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DOVER BEACH

Forebodings of a Hitler onslaught mean that there can be no respite, no relief, to the armed men who watch on Dover's cliffs. Each moment of calm upon the Narrow Seas, each hint of mist, drifting across the waters that are England's slender moat, redouble the menace banking in the East.

The sea is calm to-night,
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straits.

Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! For the world which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight
Where ignorant armies clash by night.

So Matthew Arnold's poetry is ultimately overtaken by the fact. The armies are ignorant today only as all men are ignorant. They do not know the future. They do not know whether victory or defeat will crown their banners; they do not know how high those surface mists may creep or what of menace and sudden death they may conceal. They do know that in this suddenly strange world there is neither certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain; they have acquired the rare, hard knowledge that one has no right to ask for such things, not even on the safe, familiar shingle of Dover Beach, where the children so often used to laugh and the sun umbrellas bloomed; and they do know that it is only in being true to one another — whether the love is between a man and woman, a man and his battalion, a man and his country or his convictions — that the gray face of reality is clothed with the meaning by which alone any men can live.

Dover Beach can be regarded to-day as a strictly military problem. First making due allowance for the state of the Hitlerian nerves, the Russian attitude, the twenty divisions diverted to the Balkans and the domestic morale in Germany, one can produce the probable equations. No mist, no invasion. Too much mist, no

The Nazis thought we were simple but We escaped from Holland

THREE times I and my 15-year-old comrade, X, attempted to escape from Hitler-dominated Holland.

Many times we almost gave up hope, but the determination to escape in order to fight against the ruthless power that has turned my country into a prison urged us on. The third time, luck was on our side, and here we are, free once again, and with only one desire—to defeat Nazism.

I was a student, working to pass my examination as a mechanical engineer when the German invasion threatened us.

It was a good life in those days. People said what they thought. We students led a particularly care-free existence with plenty of fun and parties.

One morning we were told that war had begun. We didn't believe it. We thought someone was having a joke at our expense, but we soon learned otherwise.

I became an A.R.P. worker in Amsterdam, something like your Home Guards. For five nights I patrolled the pitch-dark streets of the city, challenging shadowy forms and examining papers. Anyone of them might have been one of the parachutists even then invading our country.

At the end of those five days it was all over and the Germans were occupying our territory. I soon learned how different life was going to be with all kinds of German-imposed laws and restrictions, and at the last

chance for air cover and preparation and therefore no invasion. Just enough mist over the sea with clear air over the land, and anything might arrive under the chalk cliffs. Or other factors may be introduced. Will Hitler risk an invasion, for which the British profess themselves to be eager, unless he is certain of success? Does the fact that Britons are certain he would fail consequently mean an invasion is improbable? It can be argued backward and forward in strictly military terms, according to the state of the weather.

But Dover Beach is not a military problem primarily. It is a problem in what men believe in, in how much they will stand, in whether they are overcome by the essential blankness of the external world or whether they are resolved to overcome it, to impress upon its pain and horror their own conviction, to wield their Bren guns not as the instruments of a shrinking defence but as the weapons with which they will shape their world to what they believe to be worth while. Such matters unavoidably escape the military expert. They are the larger part of what wins wars.

moment I determined to try to escape.

I started to hitch-hike my way to a harbour, and eventually I got a lift on a bus. When that broke down I took it over from the driver, and soon we were on the move again.

But I had first to take some refugees to safety, and when I reached the harbour I had missed the last boat by one hour. It was bombed and sunk I learned later, so my luck was better than I had thought.

Now the streets were full of Germans, who, though they were outwardly polite, certainly gave themselves the airs of conquerors.

But they did not know what to make of the Dutch people, who, under cover of a superficial politeness, used to "pull the Germans' leg."

They would knock against them on the pavement, then apologise with exaggerated suavity and a fleeting smile which left the German more than a little puzzled as to whether he was really being treated with respect or just made a fool of. Life was full of these small incidents.

The German invaders were baffled by this suave Dutch obstinacy.

We were forbidden to listen to any radio broadcasts except German news, but in nearly every house radio sets were tuned softly and Dutch ears were close to loudspeakers listening to other programmes, and in particular to British broadcasts.

All kinds of petty restrictions cropped up. The penalty for their infringement was death.

We were not allowed to discuss politics, the German themselves or any news but German. But when we met our friends we relieved our feelings by using all the most descriptive adjectives we knew.

Our friends, who all hated the Germans too, filled in the gaps, applying those opprobrious adjectives to the invaders, their domineering ways, their restrictions, our new life. So we exchanged our views even in public under the Germans' noses.

Sometimes individual Germans made friendly advances, but these were not well received.

"Do you speak German?" one of them asked a young Dutch girl who was walking through the park.

"No," was the reply. "I don't like German soldiers either; I prefer English soldiers."

I was sitting in a cafe when a German spoke to me.

"I can't sit over there," he said confidently, pointing towards a corner of the room, "because there is a Jewish girl there."

"I, too, am a Jew," I answered. The statement was not true, but I was angry at the insulting way he looked at the girl.

He looked at me a little puzzled and incredulous, but my face told him nothing.

When we were forbidden to wear the orange flower, our national symbol, we substituted a white flower.

Some people put the stem of the flower through the hole of a razor blade and wore the flower and concealed blade in their buttonhole. Then if some Fascist tried to snatch out the flower he

Thousands of freedom-loving men and women have escaped from Nazi domination, but this story, told by a young Dutchman, will rank as one of the most heroic escapades of the War.



"The streets were full of German soldiers."

had his fingers cut for his rudeness.

It was forbidden to keep in one's home more than just enough food for two days.

Soon after my first failure to escape, my friend and I tried again. We meant to get across into France, where we hoped to be able to fight against the Germans.

We made our way through Brabant. It was forbidden to cross the Meuse and there was a German officer with a guard on the bridge we reached.

But we offered him a cigarette and flattered him, and after strolling along with him in conversation we managed to find ourselves on the other side of the bridge.

It was a tragic journey for we saw miles of country laid waste. Worst of all was the sight of Rotterdam, through which we passed by night.

All we could see of this once prosperous city of 400,000 inhabitants was ruins, miles of blackened ruins silhouetted in the moonlight, and on them bodies piled up in funeral pyres as much as three yards high.

Even here in London you have seen nothing like those ruins. From one side of the city you could see right across to the other: there were no buildings left to obstruct the view.

On the heaps of brick and piles of blackened rubble which once were bright and happy Dutch homes lay the bodies, bodies of German soldiers, bodies of Dutch soldiers, bodies of women and bodies of children, a series of horrible monuments in human flesh to the Nazi Moloch.

We borrowed boats to cross canals and broke other German laws, penalty for infringing which was death, but luck was with us until we were almost within sight of our goal, and then my friend was taken ill.

We were bitterly disappointed, but there was nothing for it but slowly and painfully to retrace our steps. Once again we found ourselves in Amsterdam, where I continued my studies and sat for my examinations, but always with the thought of escape uppermost in my mind.

Then came the fateful day. This time we planned to escape up the canals to the sea by boat.

We knew next to nothing of navigation, were forbidden to get any supplies; we were not allowed to sail by night or to approach the harbour, but we were determined to overcome these difficulties somehow.

We took with us food and medical supplies on our little

boat, hiding them as best we could. Sure enough, as we made our way up the canal we were searched and some of our supplies found.

We were questioned, and made believe they were for Germans, and got away with a joking remark about good German appetites. Eventually we found ourselves within two miles of the sea.

We came close to a Naval air port, which was of course forbidden. Again we were stopped and questioned, but we managed to get it on an air of great innocence. They thought we were very simple, and laughed heartily when we told them we were going to sail to England. It was much too absurd to believe.

They told us we must return inland at once, but we pointed out that it was forbidden for us to pass up the canal at night, and that we were forced by German law to anchor after dark.

After some discussion they said we might anchor inside the harbour this once, but if we were found there again we should at once be shot.

Soon after dark we sailed inland, and at about midnight crossed into a canal running beside the other, and made for the sea.

Here we sighted a patrol-boat, and thought this, then, was the end, but apparently it didn't see us, and, struggling with our little sailing boat, we pointed out seawards.

Every time we saw a plane we expected to be bombed, but we did manage to signal to a British plane. They sent us a long message, but it was in Morse, and that we did not understand.

As we crossed one very dangerous spot the waves swept higher than our little sail, and we expected our little boat to founder any minute. We were very seasick, too.

Eventually we were sighted by a British ship, and with great difficulty we managed to get alongside. Our rope broke and our boat with all our belongings was battered on the ship's side and lost, but we were hauled on board.

Our rescuers would not let us thank them, just took it all as a matter of course, gave us hot food and drinks and beds to rest in, and brought us to Harwich.

We were free at last.

Now I belong to a Dutch unit. That is good, but it is not enough. My ambition is to join the R.A.F. and fight the Germans now—without delay.

I know what my friends would think. I have seen them cheer when British planes dropped bombs on German objectives, even though it was their own country.

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SOUTH AFRICANS BEGIN INVASION OF ABYSSINIA

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with
the South African Forces Inside Abyssinia)

AFTER EXPELLING THE ITALIAN INVADERS FROM ALL PARTS OF KENYA SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED ENEMY TERRITORY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

These lean, brown warriors, hardened to sweltering intense heat, have reached the country which for six months has been their goal. They comprise men from Cape hamlets, the Transvaal high veld, the Natal coast and the Free State plains.

With machine-guns ready to spray the elusive Italian native irregulars, armoured cars in the desert, east of Lake Rudolf, trundled across the trackless wastes into Abyssinia.

Infantrymen who had already tasted excitement at the Battle of El Yibo went bucketing across rough country in three-ton troop carriers with songs on their lips, realising that at last they were north of the border and inside Abyssinia.

The South Africans had to force their way across extremely difficult country, their course lying across deserts and areas where volcanos, now extinct, had once poured out millions of tons of lava, into a region rarely visited by the white man.

Probably to the astonishment of the Italians, who thought this an impossible military feat, they are now not only knocking at the door of Abyssinia but have crossed its stronghold and are nearer Addis Ababa than Nairobi, Reuter.

TONGA'S AID TO THE EMPIRE

ALTHOUGH NOT FORMING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE THE PROTECTED KINGDOM OF TONGA IS SECOND TO NONE IN SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THE EMPIRE IS FIGHTING.

Tonga (or Friendly Islands) has a population under 35,000 but the kingdom's Fighter Plane Fund has already passed the £6,000 mark whilst contributions to the Red Cross and the defence force Comforts Fund amount to £1,000 and £400 respectively.

Local defence measures owe a great deal to the generosity of Queen Salote, her family, the nobles and people. The Royal Family has given the site of an aerodrome at Peppercorn and the five miles of road giving access to it was constructed free of charge by the Tonga Government. Barracks to accommodate the defence force, which was raised on a purely voluntary basis after war broke out, were built from materials provided free of cost by nobles and the people.

Under the personal direction of Queen Salote the Ladies of Tonga have made defence force uniforms and presented them to the force—British Wireless.

MASKED MEN RAID N. T. VILLAGE

Six masked men, armed with daggers, forced their way into a house in the Great Well Village in the Ping Shan District, New Territories, last night and decamped with over \$800 in money and jewellery.

AIR RAIDS BREEDING NEW POETS

Britain's fight against the blitzkrieg may result in the appearance of new poets of this war.

So at least thinks Chevalier Galloway Kyle, secretary of the Poetry Society, who has just completed plans for a poetry tour of the Home Counties.

"Poetry-lovers were wondering why no war poet of 1939 or 1940 has yet appeared," he said, "but surely the answer lies in the deadly and spiritless mechanisation of the conflict up till now."

"There was a spirit of exaltation in 1914-1918. But until London's ordeal began, or at least until the epic of Dunkirk, nothing of that kind had happened in this war."

In the Poetry Society, our membership in the last war rose by leaps and bounds. In this war, until quite recently, the increase has been a mere trickle. There was no inspiration to move the poetic soul.

"I think that inspiration is now moving at last, and that the poets

GAOLED M.P.'S PLEA FAILS

The detention of Captain Ramsay, M.P. for Peebles, does not constitute a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons, the Committee of Privileges has decided.

In its report the committee stated that in his evidence Captain Ramsay asked for the committee's indulgence and said:

"If you had been locked up for twenty hours a day in a cell between a murderer and a leper for weeks and had been locked up during air raids you would not feel at your best."

On his second appearance before the Committee, Captain Ramsay referred to this statement, and said:

"I would like to alter that to a suspected leper. There was only one doctor's certificate saying that this man was a leper. It was subsequently proved that he was not but we were with him for ten days."

Captain Ramsay also referred to an allegation made in the House of Lords that he had been appointed a Gauleiter for Scotland.

"There is not a shred of truth in that statement," he declared. "If I had accepted the post of Gauleiter it would have been treason."

Precedents, says the Committee's report, lend no support to the view that M.P.s are exempted by privilege of Parliament from detention under Regulation 18B of the Defence Regulations 1939.

of 1940 will make themselves heard before the year is done. The poets of 1941 will be even more vocal."

The Society has decided to send some of its members on a reciting tour of the Home Counties.

CHEERED BY HAND CLASP IN DEBRIS

(By A Special Correspondent)

BURIED UNDER tons of debris with only her head and a hand free to move, a woman was comforted by a Home Guard who crawled into the wreckage and held — and patted — her hand.

In the darkness they lay side by side for more than two hours, and talked of "anything but bombs." Movement by either would have shifted the wreckage, burying them both.

The woman, Mrs. Violet Wilson, is now in a country convalescent home recovering from her ordeal in her bombed house in a London suburb.

The Home Guard is Mr. William Wood, a young upholsterer of Birnam Road, Tollington Park, N.

Mrs. Wilson told a reporter: "The house received a direct hit and collapsed on top of me in the basement."

"I cannot describe my feelings as I lay there and prayed that somebody would find me."

"After what seemed hours I heard a voice calling: 'Are you all right?' I almost wept with joy."

"Then I heard someone crawling through the wreckage."

Protected By Carpet

"There was just a small hole in front of my face through which I could breathe."

"Mr. Wood was able to find me some water, and I felt better. Then he patted my hand and told me that everything would be all right."

"For more than two hours he lay beside me holding my hand. I was afraid that his might go away, but he assured me that he would not leave whatever happened."

Mr. Wood said: "I had to draw myself backward through a small hole to reach Mrs. Wilson."

"She was buried up to her neck in the debris and could move only her head and a hand."

"I kept patting her hand. We talked of anything but bombs. Only a carpet caught up over a door was keeping off the wreckage from our heads."

"I was afraid that a false move by the rescue workers would send the whole lot crashing on me."

A BOX WITH A SECRET

£20,000

THE HOUSEHOLD of Nathan William Perrott, wood turner, was run on frugal lines. When he died, 90 years old, his wife, Caroline, and their daughter, Elizabeth, managed as well as they could.

Mrs. Perrott's death in the next year — it was 1913 — left Elizabeth to fend for herself. She got a living by selling flowers in the street, sometimes taking on a job as office cleaner.

When she became too old to work people at her church helped her for a time.

But in 1938 it was suggested that she should go into a "poor house."

A curate asked Elizabeth if she had any relatives, any "papers."

She remembered an old tin box that belonged to her father. She and her mother had never opened it—there was no key.

The box was broken open.

Inside were deposit notes to the value of £8,000 or £10,000, representing money at the bank; and several thousand pounds of Government stocks.

Story Told

Elizabeth died. And the story of the tin box was told to Mr. Justice Morton in the Chancery Division.

He had before him a summons taken out by Westminster Bank, Ltd., the administrators of Nathan William Perrott, Caroline Perrott, and Caroline Elizabeth Barker.

The respondents were Mrs. Caroline Kate Newman, wife of William Newman, of Theberton Street, Islington, who claimed to be a grand-daughter of Nathan William Perrott; and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, wife of Henry Harris, of Oakridge Road, Bromley, Kent, who claimed to be a niece of Nathan Perrott.

£20,000 Estate

Mr. Wilfred Hunt, for the bank, said letters of administration were granted to the bank in January 1939.

The estate was now estimated to be about £20,000.

The question was: Could the Court presume the marriage of Nathan William Perrott with Caroline?

SHIP 8 TIMES IN THE AIR

Captain W. H. Dawson, who fought his way into port after his ship was in danger of sinking, has been awarded the M.B.E. (Civil Division).

Two officers and a pilot have also received the M.B.E., and thirty-one officers and men have been commended for courage.

One of those commended was the late Captain E. W. Mo. Mo., master of the 13,501-ton liner *Arandora Star*, torpedoed and sunk while taking German and Italian internees to Canada.

Also commended is Captain James Cook, who was master of the *Athena*, the 13,581-ton *Donaldson* liner which was torpedoed without warning in the Atlantic a few hours after the declaration of war.

Pilot C. P. Jackson, of Falmouth, has been awarded the M.B.E. He towed away two ships set on fire during an enemy raid.

EMPTY POCKETS FOR VICTORY

"Stop and think sometimes what life under the Nazis really means, and then steel your hearts and empty your pockets."

Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said this when he inaugurated Gloucester's War Weapons Week.

"The war is costing us vast sums, but I know that to defeat Hitlerism and all it stands for everyone of you would, when up against it, shed the last drop of your blood, and willingly give—and I am only asking you to lend—your last penny."

"Men, money, munitions—that's what we need; and money is the bridge across which munitions in unlimited quantities must and will pass to the men."

RAFTS FOR WINGED GERMANS

Floating "sick bays" in the Channel are the newest Nazi device to cut their high losses of trained airmen.

Wooden rafts, about 40ft. long, with railings round their edges, are towed out and anchored near the French coast, where damaged home-flying machines are most likely to crash.

All air crews sent blitzing against us are told where the sick bays are located. Their instructions are to try to reach them rather than come down in Britain and be out of the war for good.

If they cannot make the journey they are to get as near the rafts as possible, then swim with the help of the air-filled life-jackets worn when flying.

In sealed canisters aboard the sick bay are used French uniforms. Perhaps because French civilians on the Channel seaboard might be hostile to Nazi airmen sitting on rafts.

Iron rations are also provided and two rubber boats. Occasionally seaplanes visit the sick bays, like panel doctors on their rounds. Presumably the rubber boat is for the shot-down Nazi to use if he isn't there when the "doctor" calls.

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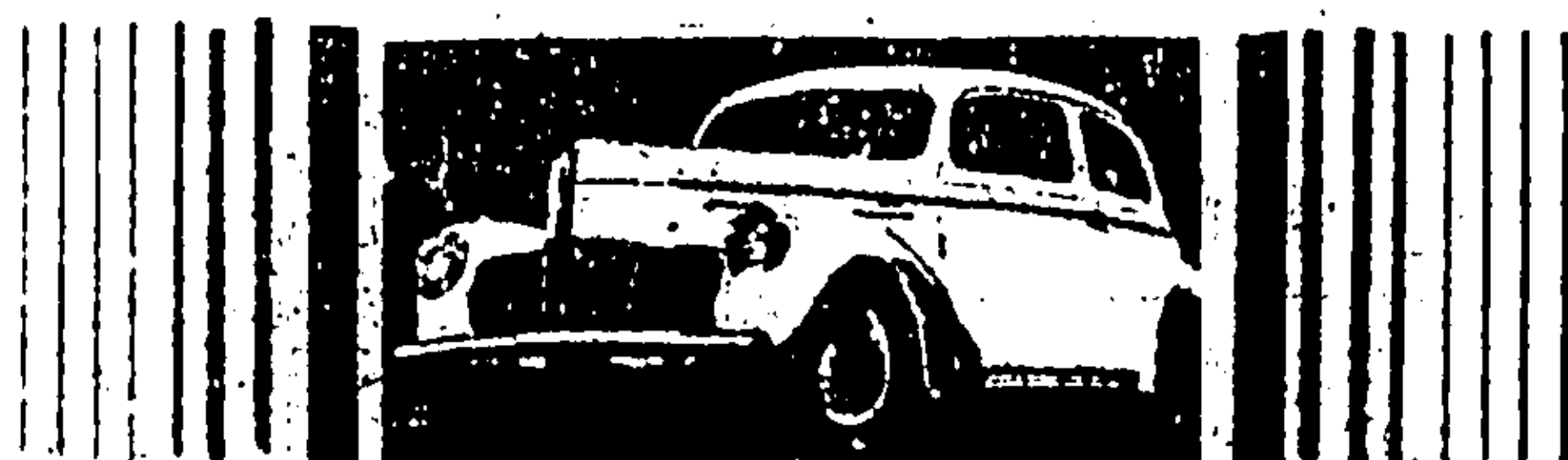
Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Morton said he thought it was a case in which he could presume the marriage.

The proper conclusion was that the bank should be at liberty to deal with Nathan William Perrott's estate on the footing that he was married to Caroline before the births of Elizabeth Perrott and Caroline Elizabeth Barker.

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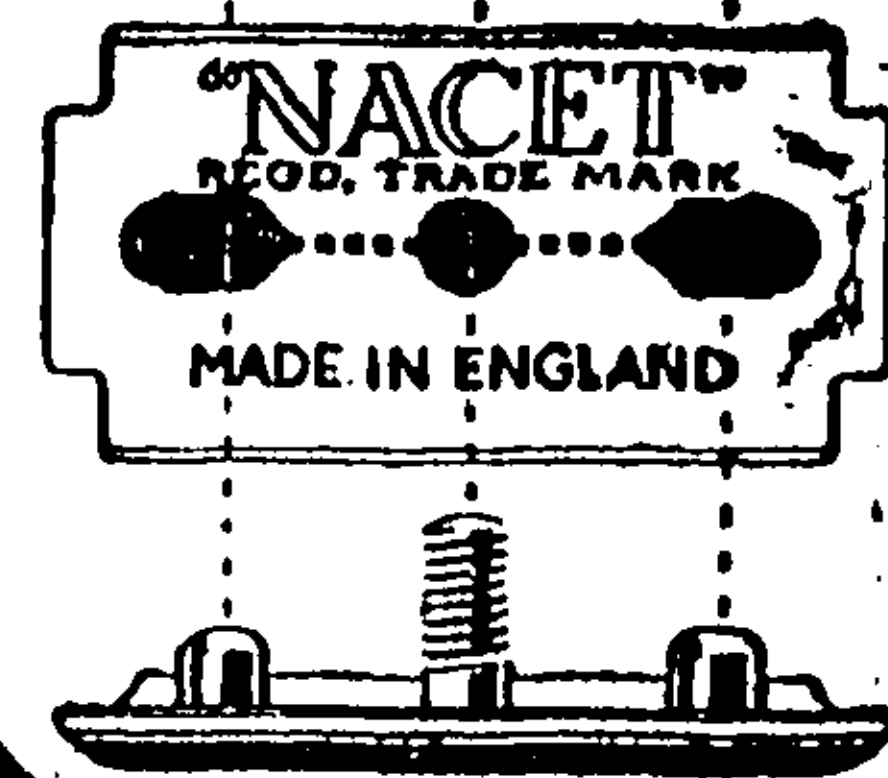
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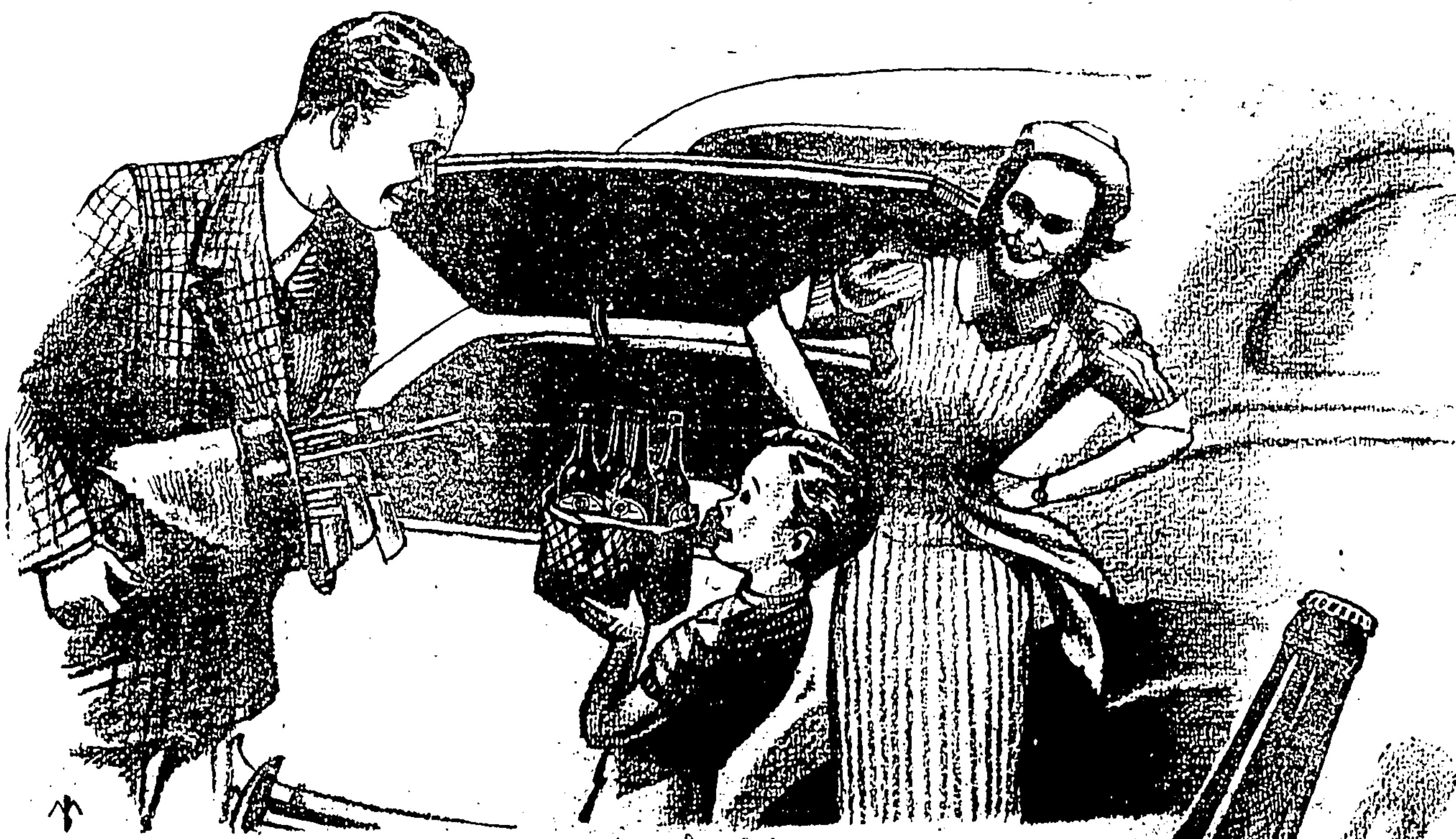
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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 24

By The Four Aces

East and West cooperated in a very neat Bridge Swindle in the hand shown to-day:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 6 2
♥ 10 7 3
♦ A Q 9 8 5
♣ 4 3
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ K 8 4
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ Q 7
♠ Q 10 5
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ K 2
♣ 10 9 8 5
♠ A K 4
♥ A Q 5
♦ 10 6
♣ A K J 6 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	10	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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West led the three of spades, and East's Queen forced out South's King. South then led the ten of diamonds, knowing that to take the King would allow South to win four tricks.

South naturally hoped that both the King and Jack of diamonds were in the West hand, although he realised that East might be holding off. He led the six of diamonds without having decided what he was going to play from the dummy—but made up his mind quite promptly when West played the diamond Jack.

That play was a beautiful bit of cooperation. West could see enough diamonds in his own hand and the dummy to tell what had happened on the first trick. To play a low diamond would be useless, for South would realise that either he could not pick up all of West's diamonds (if West had both honors) or that East was lying in wait. But the Jack of diamonds made it appear that West had started with the King-Jack-3 of diamonds and that finessing the Queen would bring in the entire suit.

So South crossed his fingers and played Dummy's Queen of diamonds. East pounced on the trick with his King and returned the ten of spades; and South found himself able to make only eight tricks.

* * *

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 9 8 3 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ A 10 6 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maler	You
1♥	2♦	Dbl.	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. The spades are too shabby for you to risk a rescue bid. You must rely on your partner to hold a good suit for his vulnerable overcall.

Score 100 per cent. for pass; 30 per cent. for two spades.

Question No. 629

To-day you are Merwin D. Maler's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 10 9 4 3 2
♥ 5 4
♦ 6
♣ Q J 9 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	Schenken	You
1♥	2♦	Dbl.	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

TRIED TO STOP WORK — GAOLED

An agitator who wanted to bring about a stopping of work at a Government factory was at Portsmouth sent to prison for three months.

The man Frederick Tommy, twenty-seven, welder, of Hayling Avenue, Copnor, was charged with attempting to cause an assembly of persons in a protected place.

It was stated that Tommy discussed a certain matter among other workers in the welders' shop, and told the shop steward he wanted a stoppage of work and an inquiry by the Home Office.

The shop steward told him it was wrong to stop work in wartime and he would get no support from the trade union. To this Tommy replied: "— the union they don't function in wartime."

R.A.F. UPSETS SHIPPING

GREAT DIFFICULTY IS BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE GERMAN SHIPPING TRADE WITH SWEDEN OWING TO THE DELAYED ARRIVAL OF COKE AND COAL FOR RE-IMPORT ON SWEDISH SHIPS BRINGING IRON ORE TO GERMANY.

Swedish ships are unable to wait in the harbours owing to the costs and to R.A.F. activity. The delay in the arrival of coke and coal at the ports is due to interruption on the railway and canal transport system.



The A.A. boys the other night brought down another German night bomber before it had time to drop its bombs. The plane was a Heinkel III and it crashed into a house at Bromley, Kent. Photo shows the loading of one of the bombs on to a military lorry. (Copyright, Fox).

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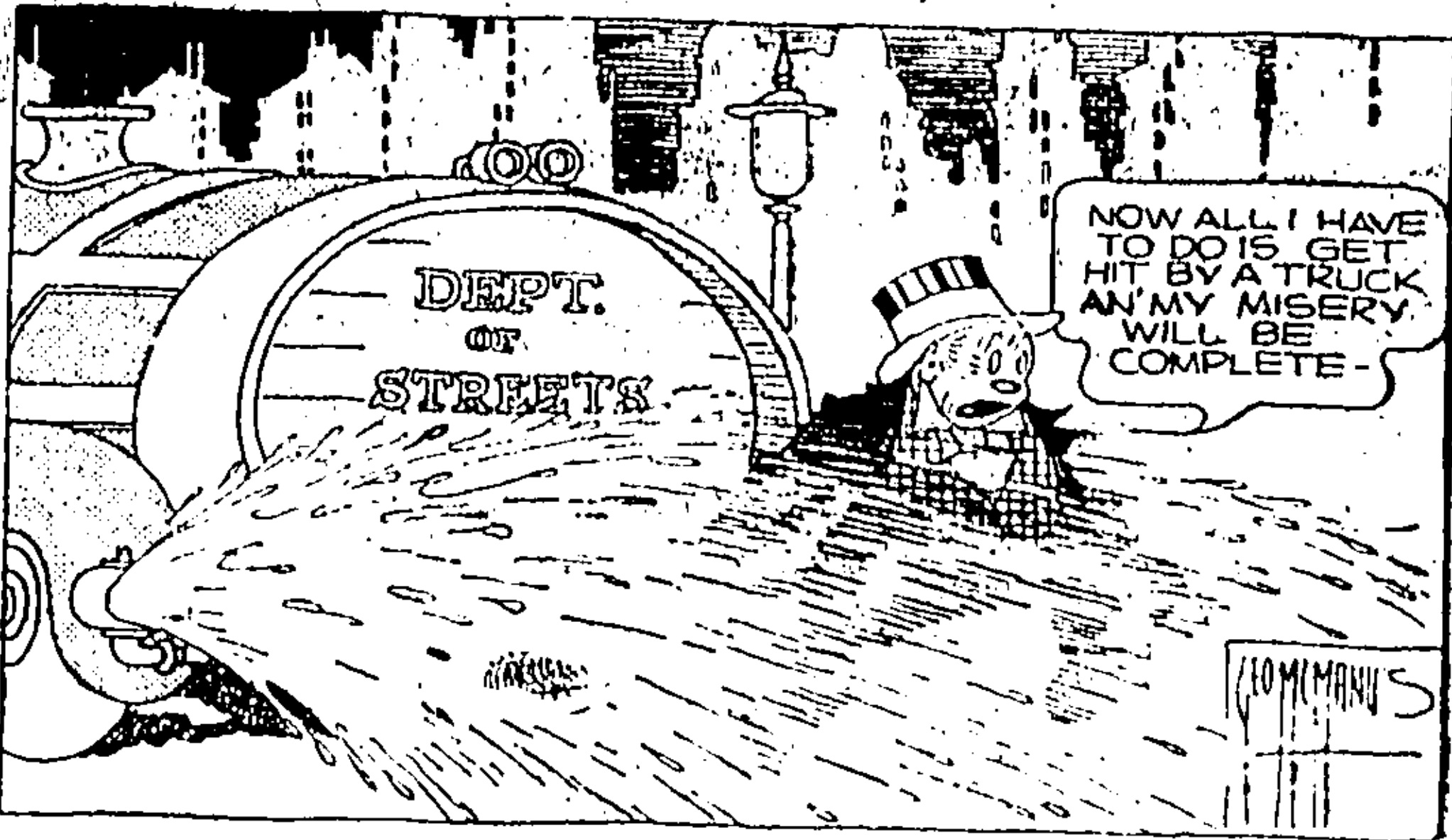
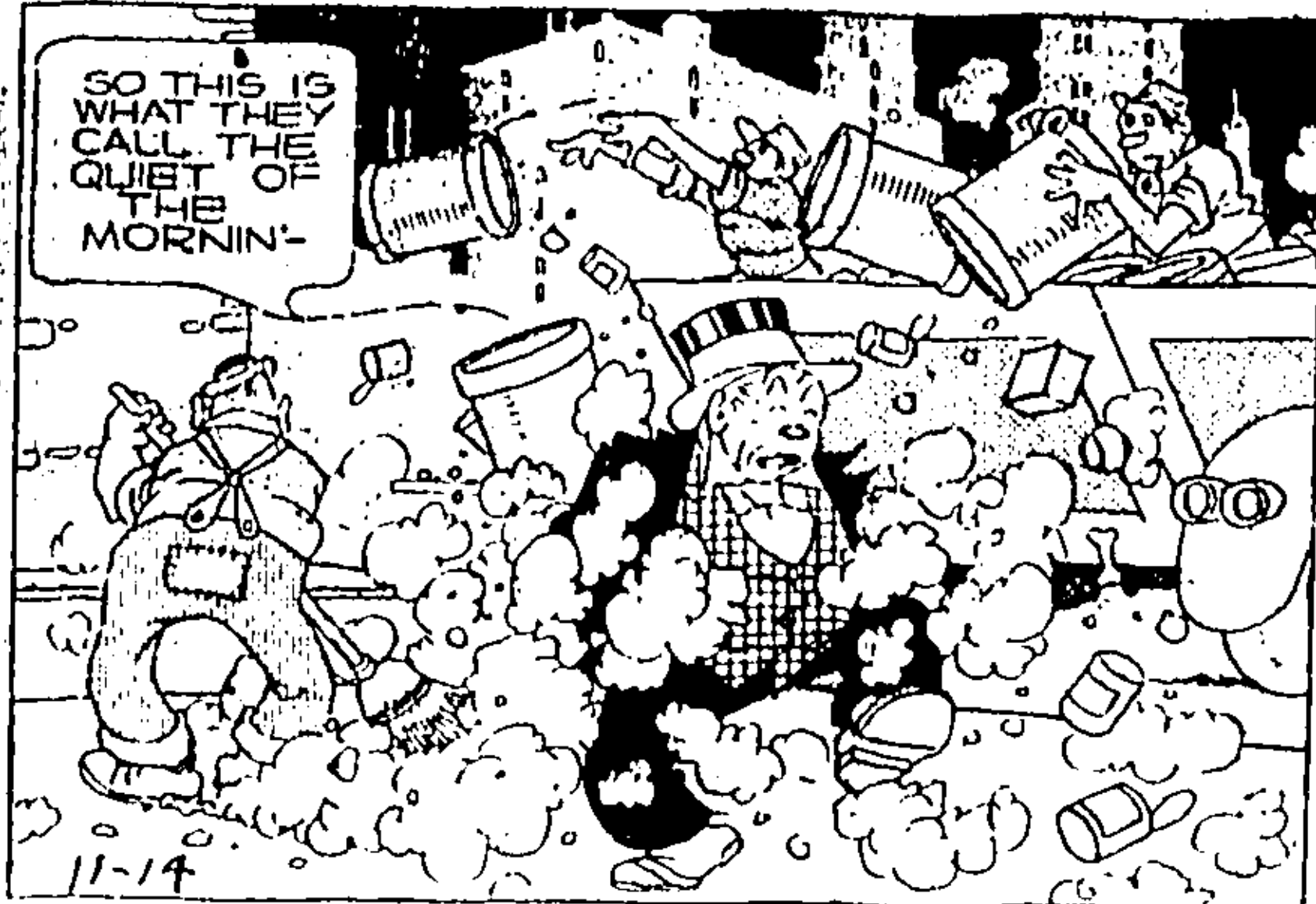
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Winter Woollies

HERE'S a recipe for the most attractive of country kits you could possibly have, and the smartest!

Well-cut tweed skirt with two or three flecks of colour in it on a brown, beige or grey ground, a tailored top coat in the same tweed—

By
RITA

And a different knitted jumper and cardigan set to match each different fleck in the tweed.

Height of success would be achieved by having three felt hats, each matching a different colour in the fleck also.

Smart jacket and matching pull-over sets are knitted to mould the figure gracefully. They have a to-the-throat neckline and a ribbed welt at the waist. They are fairly short, too—shorter than they were last year.

Jackets can be buttoned up snugly or left open. The usual idea is to leave them open, except on very cold days.

A further clever note is achieved by wearing over your stockings knitted ankle socks to match the different flecks in the tweed, and, if you wish to complete the scheme, knitted gloves as well.

When I spent a few days in the country recently I so much admired the way the grown-up daughter of my hostess dressed.

She had plain little flecked tweed skirts—short ones, of course—with a graceful flare at the hem. One or two of them had all-round godet pleats; the others were quite straight and simple. These skirts had only one contrasting fleck of colour and with each skirt she wore twin sets to match up this fleck.

As she has hazel eyes and dark hair she is one of those fortunate people whom almost any tone of

To Terms With Your Diet

THE leaves are falling—a reminder that damp, dark days and frosts are just ahead.

If your system is well tuned up it will take them in top gear so to speak.

If it isn't well, look out for snuffles and sneezes, a red nose, a "pasty" skin, and a general feeling that everything's too much trouble.

By Justine Glass

Protective measures, to ensure that you belong to the lucky ones who repel winter's nastiest attacks, must begin now. Give your system the materials it needs in order to organise an efficient resistance; give your blood a chance to marshal its reinforcements.

How are you going to do it?

First, by coming to terms with your tummy. If you are careful to give it the heat-producing foods



it needs, and plenty of vitamins, it'll create healthy physique for you.

Sugar, fats and starches maintain bodily temperature.

Glucose (two dessertspoonfuls twice a day—or more, if you wish)



can be taken instead of sugar. It enriches the blood and is vitalising and energy-giving.

Unless your skin is very dry, your butter ration should meet your needs. Dry-skinned people should begin now to take two teaspoonfuls of cod-liver oil daily.

Vegetables are ever-important, especially lettuces. If they become scarce, fall back on carrots, which are packed with health and beauty-giving properties.

I'd strongly advise a course of the vitamin pellets which keep colds at nose's length.

Also calcium in organic form should be taken. It will prevent chilblains and increase the resistance power of the blood.

It benefits, in this way, the circulation—but exercise is necessary to brisk the blood up properly. Sorry—but there it is.



Ideal for chilly winter days is this well designed twin set of cardigan and jumper in fine wool.

blue will suit, and so with one grey skirt which had a bright blue fleck she wore a bright blue jumper, socks, etc.; with another which had a grey-blue fleck she wore a twin set in grey-blue and blue socks and gloves. With a brown and cherry tweed there was a cherry twin set to match.

Her shoes had thick, sensible soles, but all were of very clever design. With the cherry set there were thick soled Oxfords in reptile skin dyed to match; other shoes were laced up ones with insets of contrasting leather, such as calf with suede in a slightly lighter shade.

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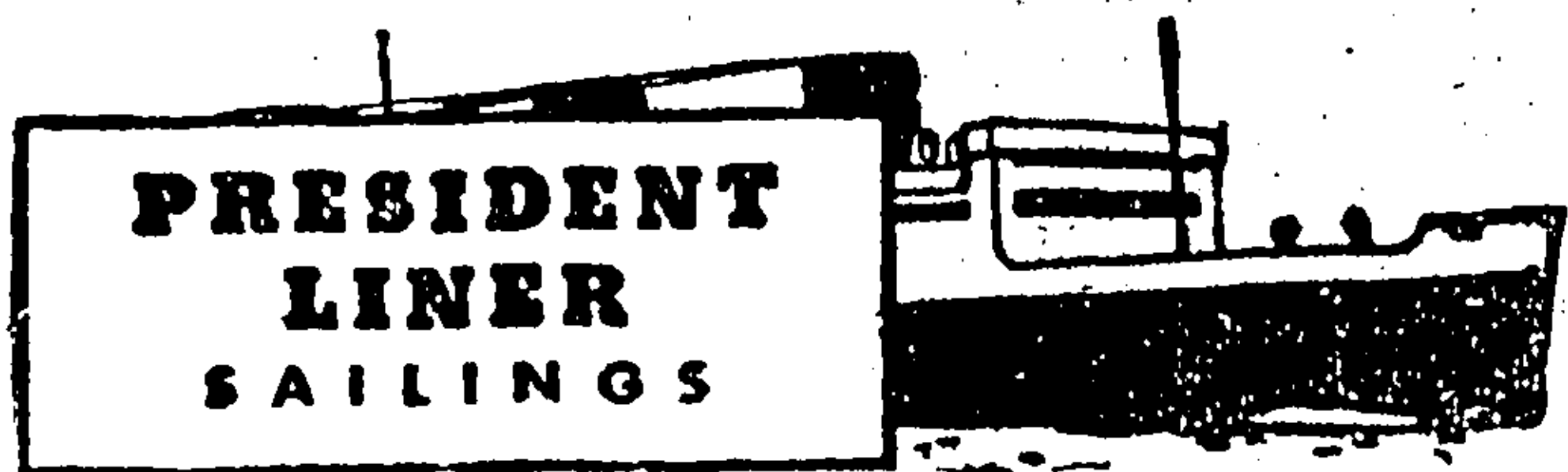
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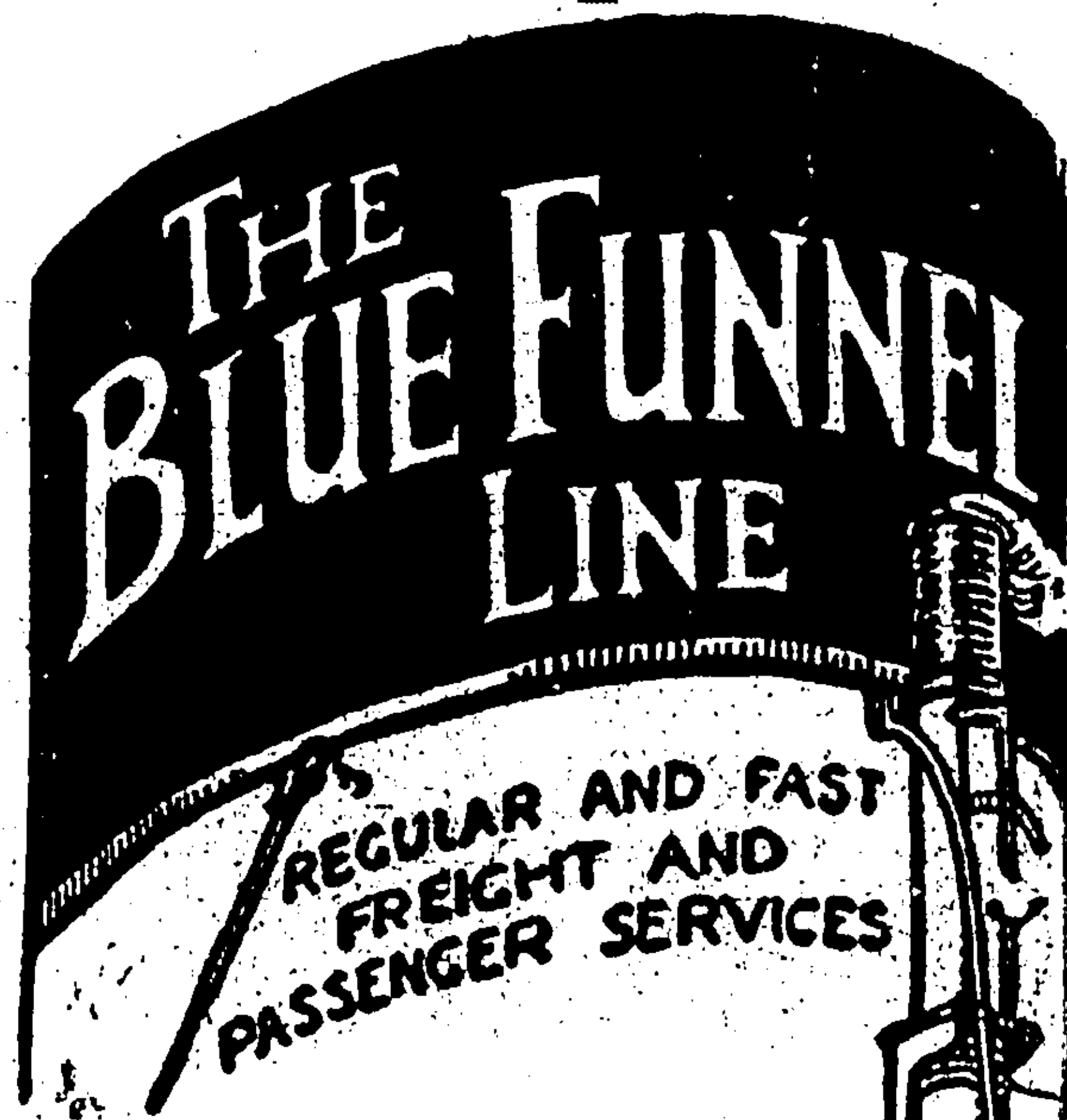
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He robbed torpedoed sailors while they were asleep, alleged the prosecution, against a 20-year-old seaman, George Sutherland, of the Shetland Isles.

He was charged, at Liverpool, with stealing cash and valuables from the Sailors' Home, Liverpool, and two London hostels.

The Magistrate sent him to prison for six months with hard labour.

Detectives said the youth used to cadge from sailors in the Sailors' Home.

When they were asleep he crept into their bedrooms and robbed them.

BOMBS WRECK CABLES BUT CALLS STILL GET THROUGH

POST OFFICE telephone operators are beating the bombs: important calls, such as A.R.P., Fighting Services, and others essential to the war effort always get through. If a call is delayed it is no fault of the operator, who risks death in his top-floor switch-room to find often that the person wanted is in a shelter and won't answer.

Telephone and telegraph cables underground have been damaged in air raids. Each cable contains anything from 200 to 1,000 pairs of wires. So that when a cable is snapped—and sometimes several cables are in one bomb crater—the loss of these lines is bound to slow down the system.

Repairs are done without delay, even during air-raids.

Trained telephone engineers have been released from the Army to help speed-up repair jobs.

Switchboard staffs work in exposed positions on top floors, so as to get maximum light—and it is impossible to maintain full service when bombs are falling near.

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At one building the skylights, doors and windows were blown in, but the night operators obtained tarpaulins, placed them above the switchboards and continued to work, using engineers' headlamps for light.

Another telephone building was in danger from fire and a heavy

bombardment. Firemen advised the staff to leave, but they remained at their posts and dealt with all essential calls.

Although cables have been damaged, the main switching and operating centres have not suffered wide spread damage.

Telegrams are affected in the same way as telephones. Telegrams to and from London were greatly delayed at one time when a vital transmitting centre was put out of action by a bomb.

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COMBINED ROYAL ARTILLERY BEATEN BUT NOT DISGRACED

Splendid Display By Gunners' Defence

Minshull And Hsu In Form

By "Referee"

AFTER AN ABSENCE of many seasons, Royal Artillery made a return to Senior football when at Sookunpoo yesterday they met Eastern, holders, in the First Round of the Senior Shield Competition.

Though beaten by three clear goals they have every reason to be satisfied with their performance particularly when it is taken into consideration that the players have not played together before and that the team was only completed in the afternoon.

The Gunners, more than held their own in the first half and prevented Eastern from scoring though it must be admitted that Eastern had several opportunities which they did not take advantage of. The Artillery defence rose to great heights throughout the game, their fast tackling and clean kicking somewhat upsetting the machine-like movements of Eastern and it was only late in the second half that the Chinese had any real advantage against the defence.

Artillery forwards were good individually but as was only natural they lacked that understanding and combination so essential to a winning team.

Whole Team Try Hard

It would be unfair to signal any particular Gunner player for special mention as the whole team gave of their best and tried hard throughout. Minshull, in goal, caught the eye most with some of his saves and on the whole gave a grand display of goal-keeping. Though beaten three times he saved twice as many goals. He had just played in the previous game for 24th Battery against Service Corps.

Lawton and Taylor formed a formidable pair of packs, kicking well and being safe with everything overhead and these two players were great hurdles to the Eastern forwards.

Ronson, in the pivotal position, had a trying afternoon against the fast Eastern inside-forwards but he accomplished his task well. He had Hyul beaten with high balls, while though out-positioned at times by the movements of N. Z. Lee, he did not allow this player to be unduly dangerous.

Greig and Roberts tackled quickly and did not allow Hau Ching-to and Cheung Yung-sun much scope.

Owens Well-Watched

Owens was well watched by Lo Wai-kuen but in the second period had the better of the half and sent over good centres. McCadden, on the left wing, also came into the picture in the second half and had Lau Tse-chen fully occupied.

The inside-forwards played as well as was to be expected, but their passes to the wings were at times weak. Added to this they were not able to get the ball through the centre as Kong Seng-king and Ng Koe-cheong were on top form.

Eastern did not play their usual game, being early upset by the fast and determined tackling of the Gunners.

Hau King-senz in the pivotal position, was their outstanding player. He kept his forwards well supplied with passes and on numerous occasions cleared his lines with his overhead kicking.

Ng Deteriorates

Ng Koe-cheong started off well at left-back but deteriorated in the second half when Owens was continually breaking away on the right wing.

Hyul, Cham Kam-hoi and N. Z. Lee resorted too much to short passing which allowed the Artillery defence to nip in and clear. The wingers were put through on several occasions but were not given much time to steady themselves before centring.

After a goalless half, Hau sent through a forward pass to the

ARMY AGAIN BEAT POLICE AT RUGBY

End of the season spirit prevailed at the final Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match between Police and Army at Boundary Street on Saturday. Police had to borrow two Club players and Army, with a very much superior team on view, were able to win by only 14-0.

Douglass, Miller and Sutherland were prominent for Army, while Lavalle of Club played an extraordinarily good game at full-back for Police.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P.	W.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	6	5	1	69	15	11
Club	6	3	2	87	48	8
Army	6	2	1	52	43	5
Police	6	0	0	21	123	0

Full Record

Following have been the Tournament results:

Police	0	Navy	20
Army	13	Club	13
Club	5	Navy	5
Army	19	Police	3
Navy	11	Army	3
Police	8	Club	36
Navy	13	Club	3
Club	25	Police	6
Army	0	Navy	11
Club	5	Army	3
Navy	9	Police	4
Police	0	Army	14

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Yesterday's softball results were:

GIRLS		
Canuckettes	2	Wildcats 11
Cardinals	26	Chung Hwa 1
Panthers	14	Ramblertettes 10
MEN		
First Division		
Chinese	4	Recreio Aces 5
Canucks	2	Filipinos 3
Indians	7	Mohawks 5
Second Division		
Chung Hwa	6	Nam Hwa 14
Cosmopolitans	7	V.R.C. 14
R.A.	7	R.A.F. 2
INTER-HONG		
Lacas	16	Texaco 17

JUNIOR SHIELD RESULT

Service Corps entered the Second Round of the Junior Shield competition yesterday when they beat 24th Royal Artillery by the only goal scored by Morgan.

Right and Chung Yung-sum scored. Shortly after N. Z. Lee scored with a deliberate shot which hit the upright but went into the net. Late in the game Hau Ching-to completed the scoring with a cross shot high into the net.

Gunners pressed hard in the closing stages and went near scoring but Lau Hin-hon in goal was not really tested.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Ng Koe-cheong; Lo Wai-kuen, Hau King-senz, Lau Chi-tsang; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Hyul Man-fu, N. Z. Lee and Hau Ching-to.

COMBINED R.A.—Minshull; Lawton; Taylor, Greig, Ronson, Roberts, Owens, Atkins, McDermott, Cross and McCadden.

H.K.C.C. ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNEY

Hong Kong Cricket Club announces the forthcoming tennis championships, which will start on the H.K.C.C. ground on Monday, March 10.

The usual open singles and doubles events will be held, while there is again a large list of members' events.

A departure from precedent has been set this year as it has been decided by the committee that any surplus resulting from the tournament be donated to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

Small mementos, therefore, will be presented to winners of the various events in the place of the trophies presented heretofore.

The possible effect of Volunteer duties is also taken into consideration and intending competitors are asked to assist the committee by stating on which days of the week they are unable to play owing to Volunteer or other duties.

"LIGHTNING" CHESS TOURNAMENT

A double-round "lightning" Chess tournament, played in Kowloon on Saturday afternoon was won by A. C. Poupard with 11½ points out of a possible 16. R. C. Danenberg and J. Grefald tied for second place with 9 points apiece.

Other competitors finished as follows:—R. C. Gardner and S. Saplaia, 8 points each; J. H. d'Almeida and William Lee, 7½. V. V. Kolatchoff 7, and C. Lee 6½.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in the quadrangular hockey tournament against Indian Army on Club ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.

Bewell, Taylor and Bond; McLean, Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. Guest and Morgan.

Umpire:—Tyas.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

BEST cricket performances on Saturday were Anderson's 74 not out for Kowloon Cricket Club against Indians, and Danbrowsky's 6 for 16 for Police against K.C.C. 2nd XI.

BATTING

D. J. N. Anderson	74
M. R. Abbas	69
K. M. Baxter	67
G. Ainslie	50
G. N. Gosano	46
A. H. Madar	41
T. V. N. Portescue	38
A. H. Runjahn	36
F. J. Lay	34
L/Cpl. Stonor	32
Spr. Ratcliffe	32
E. A. R. Alves	31
J. E. Richardson	31
D. Chelliah	30
F. J. Remedios	30

BOWLING

H. Danbrowsky	6	for	16
A. M. Omar	6	for	20
R. J. Fenton	6	for	7
N. L. Smith	5	for	26
A. R. Minu	5	for	73
J. A. Soares	4	for	27
Sgm. Dixon	4	for	34
P. M. N. da Silva	4	for	38
Spr. Tropp	4	for	49

CASH SWEEP WINNERS

Following are the cash sweep results of the Kwanti Race meeting yesterday:

RACE 1	
No. 683	\$590.63
1233	168.75
64	84.38
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each):	
Nos. 1120, 1115, 82, 437, 1178.	
RACE 2	
No. 1000	\$1,074.36
615	306.96
1141	153.48
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 226, 744, 407.	
RACE 3	
No. 667	\$1,148.67
149	328.10
646	164.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 1012, 522.	
RACE 4	
No. 34802	\$16,076.14
2916	1,593.18
16967	2,296.58
Unplaced ponies (\$510.36 each):	
Nos. 9245, 23789, 13716, 4474, 19551.	
RACE 5	
No. 409	\$1,196.23
349	341.78
14	170.89
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 1238, 549, 1270.	
RACE 6	
No. 986	\$1,089.48
511	311.28
771	155.64
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):	
Nos. 560, 168, 454, 212.	

SNOOKER EXHIBITION

A Snooker exhibition under the auspices of the European Y.M.C.A. in aid of the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund will be held to-morrow at 8 p.m. in the "Y" billiard's room, when two of the Colony's leading exponents, A. P. Pereira of the H.K.V.D.C. and Corp. J. H. Harvey, of the R.A.M.C., who recently annexed the local Army Individual Billiards and Snooker Championships, will meet. The rivalry between these two players is a genuinely keen one, and their recent match at the "Y", which resulted in a win for Pereira, has left the issue for the next encounter an open one.

In their last game, Pereira scored a win on points, while Harvey had the satisfaction of taking two of the three frames played.

Admission to this match is by ticket only, and will be limited to 60.

KWANTI RACE MEETING

Following are the results of yesterday's race meeting at Kwanti:—

THE SHATAUKOK HURDLE RACE. For China Ponies. One and a quarter miles.

Viber, 172 lb.	(Feilden), 1
Jack O'Lantern, 160 lb.	(Barrow), 2
Mortmain, 165 lb.	(Chatley), 3
Won by Four lengths; half a length.	
Time: 2:48.2.	
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$73.20.	
Places 1st \$9.40; 2nd \$8.80; 3rd \$12.10.	
Also ran: Classic Hall, 160 lb., (Van Rynberk); Rob Roy, 160 lb., (Calderara); Three Farthings, 160 lb., (Ingram); Venture, 160 lb., (Gregory); and Zero, 165 lb., (Haymes).	

THE LO WU HANDICAP. For China Ponies "E" Class. Six furlongs.

Plain View, 135 lb.	(Poy), 1
Gallant Marshal, 147 lb.	(Pan), 2
Arabian Cat, 159 lb.	(Hook), 3
Won by one length; half length.	
Time: 1:37.	
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$73.30.	
Places 1st \$20.30; 2nd \$12.40; 3rd \$10.40.	
Also ran: King's Envoy, 135 lb., (Chao); Lucky Eleven, 150 lb., (Wei); and National Liberty, 149 lb., (Tao).	

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP. A steeplechase of one and three-quarter miles for Australian Ponies.

Brutus, 168 lb.	(Trevorton), 1
Sea Urchin, 162 lb.	(Gregory), 2
Glorious Star, 162 lb.	(Hook), 3
Won by two lengths; six lengths.	
Time: 3:42.1.	
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$7.60.	
Places 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$7.30.	
Also ran: Kiola, 140 lb., (Barrow); and Teviotdale, 155 lb., (Chatley).	

THE KWANTI CUP. One Mile. For Australian Ponies "D" Class.

Schmetterling, 135 lb.	(Trevorton), 1
Dick Turpin, 140 lb.	(Gregory), 2
Colorado Star, 137 lb.	(Davis), 3
Won by one and half lengths; half length.	
Time: 1:54.	
Pari-mutuel: — Winner \$54.30.	
Places 1st \$18.50; 2nd \$10.40.	
Also ran: Tarzan, 135 lb., (Hoo).	

THE SAN WAI HANDICAP. One Mile. For China Ponies "D" Class.

Royal Wedding Eve, 159 lb.

(Craven), 1

Royal Highness, 150 lb.

(Tao), 2

Phoenix, 155 lb.

(Woo), 3

Won by short head; half length.

Time: 2:10.

GRAPHIC GOLES

IN PUTTING PRACTICE



GAUGE BALL'S ROLL TO STOP WITHIN OUTLINED CIRCLE

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Indoor Practice In Putting

By BEST BALL

A 4 1/4 inch target on the living room rug affords a good objective to putt at in the winter time, provided one can disassociate his mind from the usual plunk of the successful putt in golf. A round piece of cardboard, 4 1/4 inches in diameter, which is the exact size of the cup or the mere outline of the same dimensions will serve. It seems advisable here not to suggest cutting a hole in this magnitude in the rug for various reasons.

With the objective plainly marked, the player can concentrate on just giving the ball enough roll to have it die at the out-edge. In actual play the ball will quite likely drop in if it touches the cup at any point, so the attention to stroking and the precise calculation of the ball's roll reward the player for his care. Next Article: Putting Technique.

STRICT ADHERENCE TO RULING

According to a circular issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club, the attention of Owners and Jockeys is drawn to Rule of Racing No. 50, which reads as follows:

"The first four placed riders and any other rider if called upon to weigh in by the Stewards must immediately after pulling up, ride his horse to the dismounting enclosure, dismount, in the presence of a Steward, and present himself to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales."

As from January 30 the foregoing rule will be strictly enforced. In the event of the disqualification of any of the first three placed ponies, failure to weigh in on the part of the rider of the pony officially placed fourth will entail the forfeiture of any stake money to which the owner of the pony would have been entitled.

SELLING LOTTERIES ON BIG RACES

Hong Kong Jockey Club Selling Lotteries will be conducted on:—the Hong Kong Derby, the Austral Derby and the Rooty-Hill Derby at the Club House, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 14. These are open to Members and their friends, but all non-members must be introduced by a Member and their names entered in the Visitors' Book.

Lists of chances are available for signature at the Hong Kong Club, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building. Chances in any of these three lotteries are \$5 each.

Owing to the congested state of the Enclosures at Race Meetings, no children will be permitted to enter Hong Kong Jockey Club's premises on Race days on any pretext whatsoever.

From Here & There

After an absence, Lockhart will again be seen in action between the sticks in C.B.A.'s Hockey Tournament game against 5th A.A. "A" yesterday afternoon.

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Owing to the inability of E. V. Alves to turn out this afternoon, F. Soares acted as custodian for Nomads in their Tournament hockey game against Police "B" today.

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N. C. Sen Gupta, whilst playing in the cricket match between University and Y.M.C.A. at Pokfulam on Sunday, received a nasty blow on the nose which kept him off the field for the remainder of the game.

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G. A. Stewart, who turned out for Hong Kong Cricket Club seniors last season, is one of the leading figures in the few cricket matches played in Manila. In a recent match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies of Manila, he took part in an opening partnership with H. L. Robertson which realised 88 runs and enabled the Scots to win easily.

R. Baldwin, who bowled so well for Kowloon Cricket Club juniors in their League cricket match against Recreio last week, is proceeding to England on leave shortly.

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C. B. Robertson, the lawn bowler, returned to the Colony from long leave in the course of the week.

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Pte. Stickley, former Colony and Army hockey player, returned to the Middlesex hockey side in the course of the week after a prolonged absence owing to injuries.

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R. Hall, who was mainly responsible for the institution of lawn bowls at Kowloon Football Club, has left Colony on retirement. Hall has been prominently identified with K.F.C. for many years.

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The first athletic meeting of the Upper Levels Division, District "A", A.R.P. Wardens' Society, was held on the South China track, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

NARROW WIN FOR K.C.C.

Scores, K.C.C. rinks first: A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, R. B. Wellwood lost to C. S. M. Baskett, Q. M. S. Spary, Sgt Carr, Sgt Rakusen 10-23.

R. T. Broadbridge, E. Abraham, A. W. Smith, V. C. Labrum lost to Sgt Zimmern, Sgt Baptista, Sgt Steven, Sgt Sherriff 17-18.

A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, F. A. Fabel, W. W. Parsons beat Sgt Geall, Pipe Major Mackie, Sgt Lockhart, C.Q.M.S. Fincher 24-7.

A. Zimmern, J. W. Bertram, F. Broadbridge, T. A. Madar beat Sgt Fowles, B. S. M. Rose, Sgt Remedios, Sgt Meyer 18-16.

D. A. Glover, R. T. Burch, R. S. Capell, G. E. Taylor lost to Sgt Skinner, B. S. M. Jack, B. S. M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Silva (skip) 23-27.

Goodman of U.S.S. Mindanno may cause a stir in this year's Colony Lawn Tennis Championship. He is reputed to be an American inter-State player. Entry forms are already out and the list will be closed on March 1.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The second Jan Trophy race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Joss	15.07.50	1
(G. E. Neve)		
La Linda	15.13.22	2
(P. Chidell)		
Maureen	15.20.25	3
(Blake, Barnett)		
True Blue	15.27.42	4
(L. P. Ralph)		
Gull	15.28.44	5
(A. O. G. Mills)		
Arlis	15.45.51	6
(Forsyth, Browne)		
Artemis	15.48.55	7
(G. G. Wood)		
Painted Lady	15.51.31	8
(D. Smith)		
Isobel	15.51.43	9
(R. L. Berridge)		

FANLING GOLF TOURNEY

In the second round of the junior championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club yesterday, N. D. Lloyd beat D. J. Valentine 4 and 2; S. L. Lloyd beat F. A. Redmond 4 and 2; A. J. Dennis beat P. V. McLane 2 and 1; and F. J. Price beat F. N. Merritt 3 and 2.

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DAYLIGHT SWEEPS BY RAF OVER OCCUPIED FRANCE

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GREAT ARMY FROM CANADA

A great army of air-men, infantry and armoured units is going overseas from Canada this year, declared the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, in a broadcast from Ottawa yesterday. — Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISION AT BARENTU CUT OFF

(Continued from Page 1)
way to Massawa.
Keren is probably less well defended than Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is now expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours the defence.

Agordat was held by a large Italian garrison a number of whom evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman in Cairo yesterday said the Italians at Barentu were now in "a very sticky position."

Virtually Surrounded

They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

Meanwhile British shells are raining down on the Metemma-Gondar road as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by sur-

Cross The Channel In Waves

R.A.F. FIGHTERS crossing the English Channel in several waves, and joined once by bombers, carried out offensive sweeps once again by daylight yesterday over German-occupied territory.

These and other operations by single British bombers ended a 24-hour phase of R.A.F. action by day and night which was limited by unfavourable weather but showed more vigour than action by the Luftwaffe over Britain.

Altogether three Nazi invasion bases were attacked and of them, Boulogne, twice.

The story of the further sweeps is told by the Air Ministry in the following communique:—

"During daylight to-day formations of our fighters carried out offensive sweeps over the Straits of Dover and enemy-occupied territory. Of a small number of enemy aircraft encountered three fighters were destroyed.

"On one sweep our fighters were accompanied by a small force of

poise as they had expected to be faced only with guerilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring. — Reuter.

bombers which attacked docks at Boulogne.

"Other attacks were made by single aircraft of the Coastal Command on enemy aerodromes at Ostend and Berek.

Fighter Missing

"An enemy fighter which attacked one of these aircraft was shot down. One fighter is missing from these operations."

Boulogne docks have been attacked just before dawn by another small force of R.A.F. bombers, which also raided Ostend, while docks at Brest were attacked during Saturday night by another small force.

German Raids

The German air force was not reported over any part of Britain on Saturday night and yesterday confined itself to "slight activity" by single aircraft over the eastern part of England, the Air Ministry announces.

A few bombs were dropped in East Anglia but did little damage and caused no casualties, it is officially announced.

During the afternoon some houses and shops were damaged and a small number of people injured by bombing at two places on the coast of Kent.

Day And Night

The R.A.F. has shown by its action in the last 24 hours how the air offensive of 1941 over Western Europe can be shared with the Luftwaffe by day as well as night, writes Reuter's air correspondent.

Operations were limited on account of the weather but the very fact that they were pursued in the face of unfavourable conditions shows signs of healthy vigour.

The one-sided daylight offensive of last summer has gone, possibly for all time. — Reuter.

INVASION PORTS RAIDED

Docks at three Nazi invasion ports in occupied France — Boulogne, Ostend and Brest — were attacked by small forces of R.A.F. bombers on Saturday night and just before dawn yesterday.

The Brest attack was made first by planes of the Coastal Command which yesterday continued in unfavourable weather patrols and reconnaissance flights over the occupied coast-line.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuously on the look-out for the first signs of any invasion movement. Boulogne and Ostend were re-

lected for yesterday's pre-dawn raids.

British fighters, accompanied once by bombers, made a number of daylight raids yesterday over occupied France.

Two planes are missing from operations since Saturday.

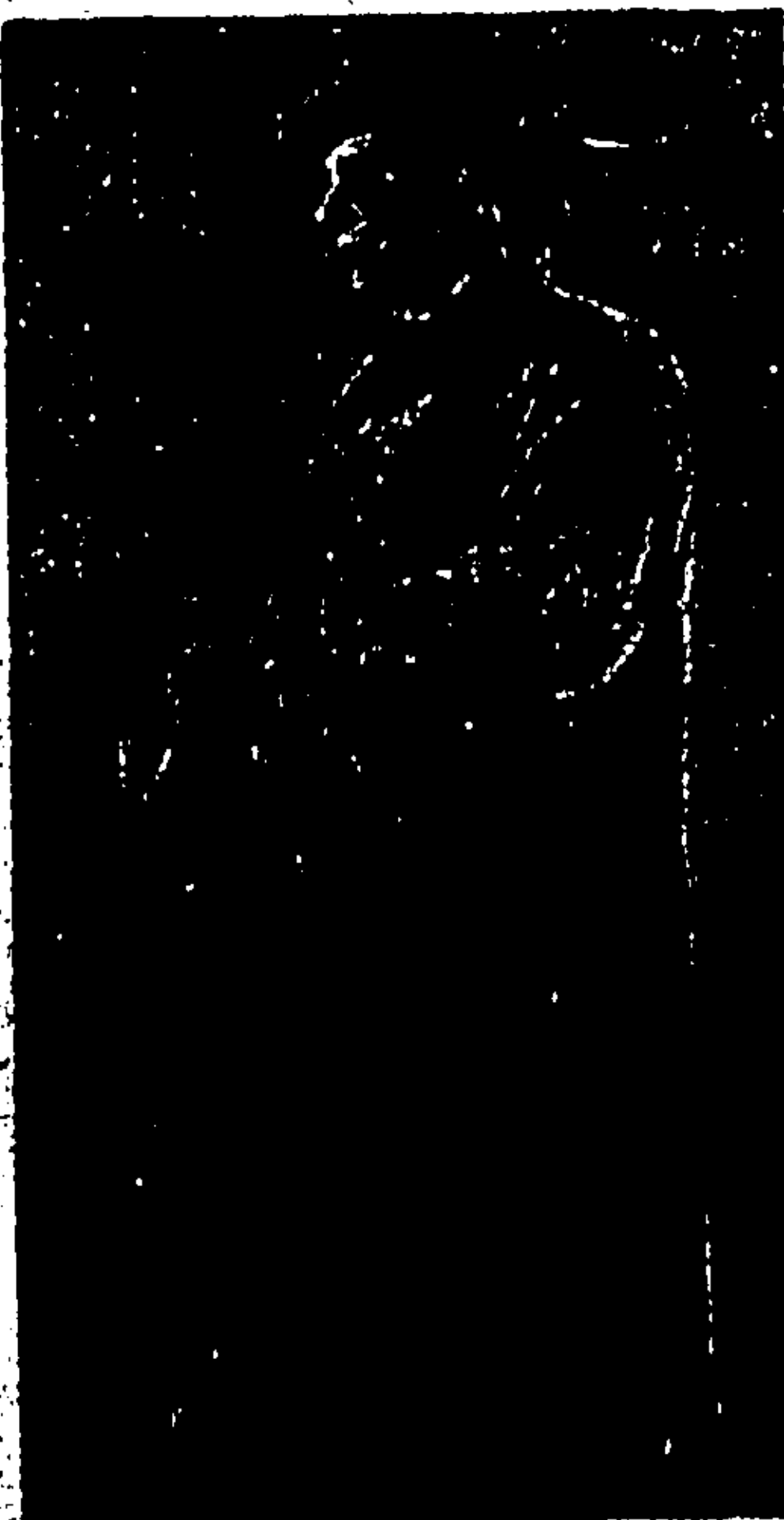
A few single German aircraft made the customary armed reconnaissance flights over the English coast yesterday following a night of no activity. — Reuter.

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THE BRITISH OCCUPATION of Agordat

and the subsequent push onwards to Asmara means that Eritrea is imminently in danger of being cut in half.

While motorised Indian shock troops are leading the British more than two-thirds across the Eritrean waist-line, other fast-moving British contingents are pursuing the retreating Italians deep into Abyssinia and Somaliland.

It is claimed that hundreds of prisoners and much material was seized at Agordat.

Meanwhile a pincer movement is developing as the British forces in south Eritrea captured the road town of Biacundi and are also tightening the noose around Barentu, which gives access to the highway to Asab. — International News Service.

Italy's East African Empire has taken more severe knocks with the fall of Agordat, strategic rail on the route to the Red Sea, the falling back of the armed advance screen protecting Somaliland and the full retreat of the forces which had

held up the British penetration into north-east Abyssinia, from Metemma.

Italian forces seeking a way across the mountains in the Wolkait district of Eritrea were forced to abandon most of their mechanical transport because of British and patriot activities.

The Axis High Command reports intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya but British headquarters in Cairo say that the concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and R.A.F. fighters which maintained patrols over Libya suffered no loss.

It is considered probable, writes Reuter's air correspondent, that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily, though it is possible for shorter-range aircraft to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes. — Reuter.

Japanese Firebugs
In S'hai

While Shanghai was soundly asleep a party, alleged to be Japanese, commandeered a British-owned taxi at 3 o'clock this morning, threw out the Chinese driver, drove to the Race Course and tried to burn down the matchshed where the Race-payers are meeting again on Wednesday.

The fire brigade put out the fire before serious damage was done, although the taxi, which was first set on fire to light up the matchshed, was a total loss.

The party fired several shots into the matchshed before leaving, and to cover their escape.

The shed was the scene of last week's sensational shooting of Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the S.M.C., by Mr. Hayashi.

Another Taxi
Commandeered

A Shanghai Municipal Council spokesman revealed that two Japanese were involved. They escaped to the "Badlands" in another commandeered British-owned taxi after an exchange of shots with White Russian sentries. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North and north-east winds, fresh; fair.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was exclusively learned in Washington yesterday that Administration leaders plan a further concession aiming to ensure passage by the House of Representatives of the Lease and Lend Bill.

This morning a conference between President Roosevelt and Democratic leaders will consider a concession by which the President's powers will be limited to July, 1943, and will also limit the length of agreements and contracts negotiated meanwhile.

As the measure now stands the President, on his last day of power, could sign agreements binding the Government to an indefinite time in the future.

It is believed the concession is a win over some of those opposing the measure. Democratic leaders are confident the Bill will pass the House by Friday. — International News Service.

BOMBING
INCIDENT
IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two bombs were thrown into the Chungking Second District Court, in the U.S. Marine defence sector in Shanghai, this morning.

No casualties occurred in the bombing, which is believed to be intimidation by Nanking agents. — International News Service.

ARMISTICE TRUCE
VIOLATION ALLEGED

FRENCH VIOLATION of the truce on the Indo-China border yesterday, when the Thailand delegates in Bangkok were preparing to fly to the peace conference in Tokyo, is alleged in a Thailand High Command communique reporting three clashes in the Sisonphon region on the eastern front.

SUCCESS
FOR STUKAS
CLAIMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Disclosure that the Luftwaffe has gone into action in Libya to help Italy stem the invasion tide coincides with a claim in Rome yesterday that Stuka dive-bombers sank four British ships and damaged three others on the Libyan coast.

It is reported that Italy is reciprocating by aiding the German submarine campaign in the At-

In the morning a French patrol of six violated the neutral zone. One was shot dead, one escaped and four were taken prisoners.

An hour later a whole regiment of tanks tried to encroach in the same zone but was repulsed. A third attempt was similarly frustrated.

The communique adds that during the truce negotiations in Saigon the Japanese Government notified the Thai Government they deemed it necessary to send a destroyer to be stationed in Bangkok to facilitate communication between the Japanese Legation in Bangkok and a Japanese warship off Saigon, and also between the Bangkok and Japanese Governments. — Reuter.

lantic. Rome claims a Fascist U-boat sank three British ships in the Atlantic.

Meanwhile the Italian High Command yesterday admitted severe fighting at Agordat and Barentu. — International News Service.

SHUN PAO
EDITOR
SHOT

Ching Hua-ting, editor of the "Shun Pao," was shot dead at 4.30 this morning while passing the Ambassador Ballroom in Shanghai with friends.

Mr. Ching was hit by three bullets, one in the head and two in the chest. No arrests have yet been made.

Ching Hua-ting was one of the 83 men black-listed by the Nanking regime last year. He was armed with two automatics at the time but had no chance to use them, being shot at close range from behind. — Reuter and International News Service.

Weary Of Hiding

International News says that Mr. Ching, weary of hiding, last night ventured out into Shanghai's night life for the first time in months.

Mr. Ching is described as sub-editor of Judge N. F. Allman's "Shun Pao" and was one of the original Nanking black list.

Others on the black list include Mr. J. B. Powell, Judge Allman and Mr. Randall Gould, who, in spite of friends' urgent advice, have also relaxed their vigilance. — Reuter and International News Service.



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Rumours Of Likely Denouncement Of Armistice

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NAZI PILOT FOUND CRYING

Mr. Arter, a shepherd living in a remote cottage in the middle of Romney Marsh, saw a Messerschmidt 109 shot down by two Spitfires and fall among some trees 20 yards from his home.

Running to the spot, he found the machine burning fiercely and the pilot standing near wounded. He had scrambled out a few seconds before the machine burst into flames.

Mr. Arter detained him until a mobile unit arrived. He said that the Nazi, who was about 25, was very upset and was crying.

HITLER'S REPLY to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of a short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin yesterday.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible denouncement of the armistice by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

In this connection the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency Efe says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Marshal Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French colonial army and the French fleet."

The correspondent of the "Alcazar" declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

On The Verge

The Berlin representative of "ABC" however expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision vis-a-vis France.

The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a struggle between Paris and Vichy.

The newspaper "Arriba," which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, yesterday wrote sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from radios and the press." — Reuter.

CAMPAIGN FOR BLOOD DONORS

The Princess Royal, in a broadcast yesterday, initiated a new campaign for blood donors throughout the country to supplement those already operating in London.

In its inception the appeal calls for 100,000 donors from the East and West Ridings of Yorkshire.

The Princess Royal revealed that during the recent heavy raids on London 11% of casualties admitted to hospital required a transfusion. In some cases the figure was as high as 25%.

The transfusion of a single patient might require the plasma of 10 or more donors, she said. It was vitally necessary, therefore, to enrol many more donors than were now available on existing panel. — British Wireless.

BIG HOUSE — 8 BILLETS

"This is a very large house, and there is a feeling that Lord and Lady Howard de Walden are pulling strings to prevent other people being billeted there."

So declared Mr. Glenvil Hall, putting a question in the House of Commons regarding the use of Audley End mansion near Saffron Walden, Essex, for evacuees.

Miss Horburgh, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health,

R.A. GUNNER WINS KWANTI SWEEPSTAKE

The Goddess of Fortune favoured a young British soldier — a gunner in the Royal Artillery — yesterday at the Fanling Race Meeting.

He won the first prize in the Special Dollar Sweep on the main event — the Kwanti Cup — of the meeting, and was enriched by \$16,076.

DEATH OF MR. S. O. LEVINSON

The death took place in Chicago yesterday of Salmon Oliver Levinson, the famous American lawyer, says Reuter.

AIR PART IN BRITISH ADVANCE

Bombers of the South African Air Force operated on Saturday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa.

They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where store dumps were hit, and bombed concentrations of motor transport at Mega and Yavello, and aerodromes at Zula, where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

An R.A.F. communique reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East and from all of them R.A.F. aircraft returned without loss.

The normal fighter patrols were maintained in Libya. Two damaged enemy aircraft were observed on the ground at Bace.

A number of enemy aircraft flew over Malta and were attacked by British fighters. Two Fiat biplane fighters were destroyed.

Operations included a raid on the Albanian port of Valona. — Reuter.

MR. MATSUOKA'S FACES OVER A BITTER PILL

Any day President Roosevelt might decide to adopt a non-belligerent status towards the West as well as the East, and Japan facilitated this by signing the three-power pact, says the Swedish newspaper "Svenska Dagbladett."

This move was intended to frighten the American electors from supporting President Roosevelt but was a miscalculation and the pact had the opposite effect for it was used by President Roosevelt against its own instigators when he pointed out that freedom's enemies threatened America from the Pacific as well as the Atlantic.

Mr. Matsuoka, who started life as a Seattle errand boy and does not under-estimate United States resources, has not concealed his embarrassment over this fatal turn of events.

The international situation is now very different from what it was last year, when the Berlin pact was signed and it appeared likely England might be "liquidated" by German attacks.

"Although bleeding from many wounds Britain's arteries are not cut and her nerves are unshaken."

Standing Upright

"She stands, despite her tardy awakening, upright and has, with

th, in reply, said a family of eight had been billeted on the owners in a self-contained part of the house."

Though this was a large house, it was not convenient for billeting a large number of people, but if necessary more people would be put into it.

If necessary, alterations would have to be made in the house to provide all sanitary arrangements for a large number of people.

Greece, inflicted such defeats on Italy in the eastern Mediterranean that Germany is suddenly faced with a war on two fronts, splitting her strength.

"The Empire's resources are being rapidly mobilised and the U.S.A. is reaching a state of preparedness facilitating intensive intervention in the war."

Mr. Matsuoka has admittedly declared that Japan will fulfil her obligations to Berlin but at the same time has beseeched Washington to spare Japan this bitter pill by not openly entering the war.

Hara-Kiri

Japan had previously hoped to reach an agreement with Russia, and Russia had nothing against the non-intervention pact. It resulted in a conflict between Japan and America, but when it was requested that the Soviet should cease to supply China with war material there came a very firm reply from the Soviet.

Thus Japan's action will be interpreted as hara-kiri by Japan's leading politician. — Reuter.

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Wild Two-Day Scenes Of Rioting In Johannesburg

Troops Object To Beards Of The Ossewabrandwag

WILD SCENES WERE WITNESSED IN JOHANNESBURG DURING THE WEEK-END WHEN THOUSANDS OF POLICE, CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS WERE INVOLVED IN SERIOUS RIOTS; 140 MOSTLY SOLDIERS, HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL UP TO THE PRESENT.

Armoured cars fouled the streets yesterday morning but the city is now quiet.

Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the "Vaderland" — General Hertzog's newspaper — and the offices of the "Transvaler" — a Nationalist newspaper supporting a Republican policy. Both offices were damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night, when Dr. van Rensburg, former Free State Administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting.

The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature.

Dr. van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting was concluded.

Soldiers and civilians were involved, some of the latter wearing beards, which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

Soldiers Resentful

Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes."

These flashes indicate that the wearers volunteered for duty in any part of Africa—both police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued yesterday morning, when the police used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van set ablaze.

Police reinforcements were sent from outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out.

Troops summoned from military camps assisted the military and police to maintain order.

Bearded Man

On Saturdays Johannesburg is usually crowded with soldiers on leave and trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tramcar which they attacked. Many shop windows were broken.

Soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the "Transvaler" building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the building, breaking the plate-glass windows of the "Vaderland," where printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when the disturbances were at their worst.—Reuter.

Boers Blamed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

At least 140 were wounded and sent to hospital in riots in Johannesburg over the week-end.

Heavily reinforced bodies of troops and armoured cars are now patrolling the streets.

The authorities blame Boer, Republican extremists and the German element for the trouble.—International Service News.

SOUTH HONAN COUNTER-ATTACKS

Chinese troops in south Honan are launching heavy attacks against the Japanese on both banks of the Hung River in south Honan.

After mopping up at Shahotien, the Chinese continue to advance.

Fighting in the Taihu Lake regions is developing favourably. Following a series of counter-attacks, the Chinese have recaptured Tangtuchen, (south of Iking), Szechichuen, (north of Changhing), Huakikiao, (west of Changhing), and Nantienkiao (southwest of Changhing).

ANTONESCU'S WARNING TO IRON GUARD REBELS

A BAND OF REBEL Iron Guards who massacred 32 people in the Forest of Jalava, near Bucharest, on January 21, have been arrested, says a Bucharest despatch this morning. They will appear before a military tribunal.

An official communique issued in Bucharest yesterday states that all is now quiet in the country.

The authorities, it adds, are still seeking out and arresting "those responsible for the trouble," and a large quantity of materials and merchandise stolen by rebels has been seized.

"In future I will be implacable and will not tolerate any disorder," declared General Antonescu, the Rumanian Dictator-Premier, in a press interview yesterday.

Nobody would dare repeat the recent attempt to overthrow the established order, he added, saying: "I swear nobody in the world will hinder me from defending the honour, rights and peace of Rumanians."

Addressing Rumania's youth he asked them to "examine their consciences, give up thoughts of violence against the State and collaborate in the reconstruction of the country."

He concluded by asking all Rumanians to take as their example the great struggles and magnificent sacrifices of the Fuehrer and Duce and the National-Socialist and Fascist revolutions.—Reuter.

Keen competition is expected but competent observers believe the British and Americans will maintain their position.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai Municipal Council is taking strict precautions regarding the next rate-payers' meeting.—Central News.

Weather Report

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has decreased considerably in intensity but remains stationary over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas.

WIDLER CASE ECHO

In connection with the Elly Widler case, involving the removal of approximately 500 tons of copper in coins and ingots estimated to be worth \$20,000,000 from the Commercial Express and Storage Company, a Shanghai dispatch states that the American Trading Company, (Fed. Inc.) owners of the copper, have filed suit with the U.S. Court against the Commercial Express and Storage Company.

The American Trading Company demands U.S. \$155,077.69 as compensation for damage.

The U.S. Court will hear the case on February 11.—Central News.

RUBBISH DUMPER FINED

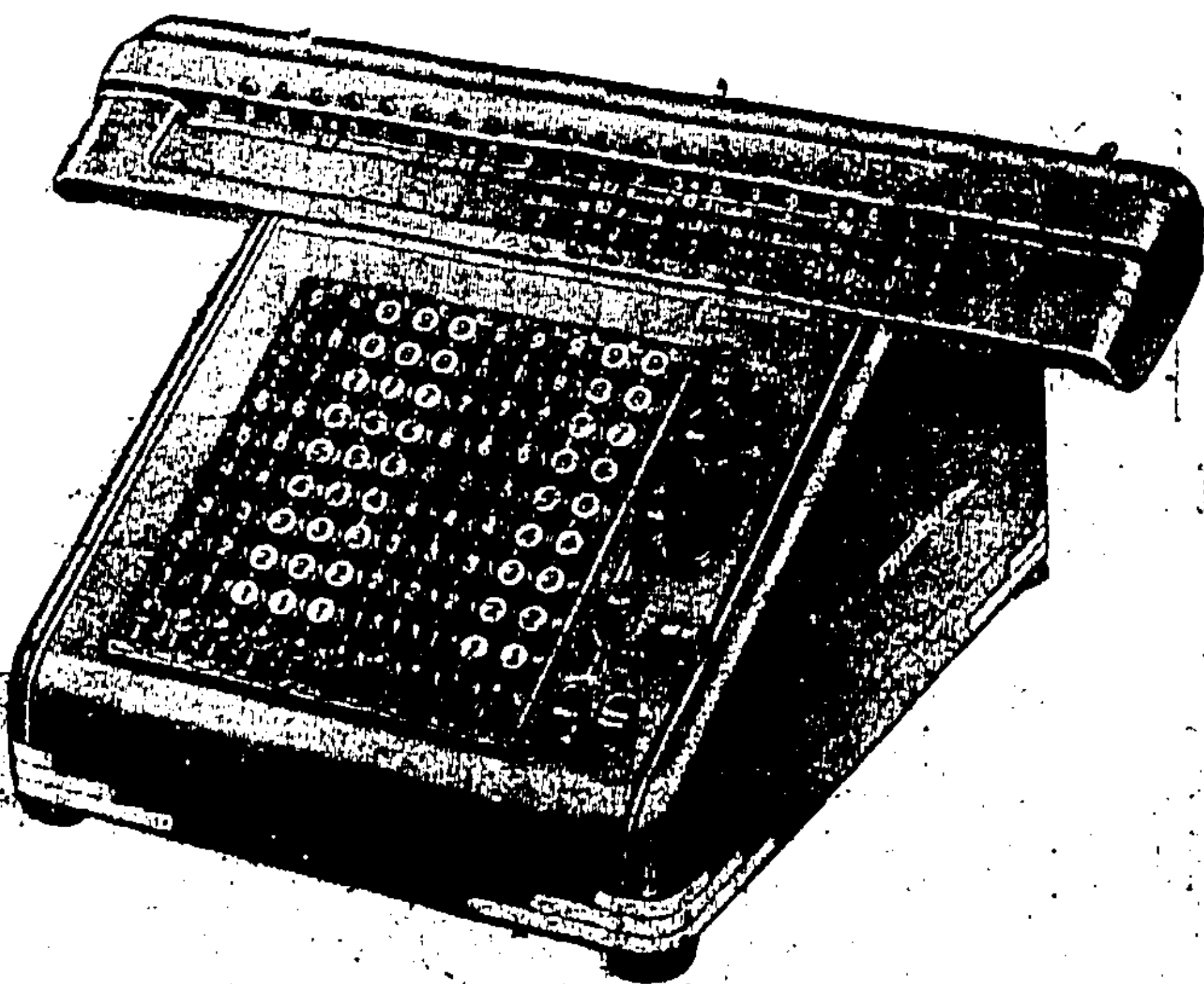
A fine of \$20, or one month's imprisonment, was today imposed by Commander J. Jolly, Harbour Master, on Chan Kwan, steersman of a trading junk, for depositing quantities of rubbish into the harbour, east of Storecutters Island, without permission.



Field-Marshal Lord Milne, Colonel Commandant of the Pioneer Corps, during a tour of inspection of Pioneers at work clearing the debris in London. (Copyright, Fox).

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ITALIAN AIRMEN PRISONERS OF WAR.—These are the first pictures to be obtained of Italian airmen as prisoners of war in this country. They were taken at a London station recently and are of particular interest following the news that 13 Italian planes were shot down by the R.A.F. An Italian airman prisoner, hands in pockets, on arrival at a London station on the way to an internment camp. (Copyright, Fox).

INDIA'S INDUSTRY IN FULL BLAST FOR ARMS PRODUCTIONS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Black smoke was belching from all the chimneys of the Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully guarded gates to be shown huge workshops where carriages for India's guns are constructed.

All round was the roar of powerful machinery and when I entered the workshops the noise was almost deafening.

I entered one of the workshops where, amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces, skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

In another workshop, where the final assemblage of gun-carriages is done, I saw one of the latest guns, complete with a new carriage.

The old wooden spoke-wheels have been abolished and the formidable weapon I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres.

Output Trebled

All guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India. Since the outbreak of war the output of the factory has been two or three times pre-war production while the number of workmen has more than doubled.

Production is a most continuous, ranging from 20 hours daily in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun-carriages the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army, which it is now producing in thousands. — Reuter.

ACTOR FINED

Pleading guilty to avoiding payment of bus fare yesterday, Kwok Hei, 21, actor, was fined \$25 by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

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The executive of the Union is being asked to recognise the dispute, and action may be taken if other firms take over work from the firm in dispute.

It is alleged that while negotiations were proceeding regarding the dismissal of a shop steward a second shop steward was sacked.

The employees stopped work and were then told by the employer that they were all dismissed.

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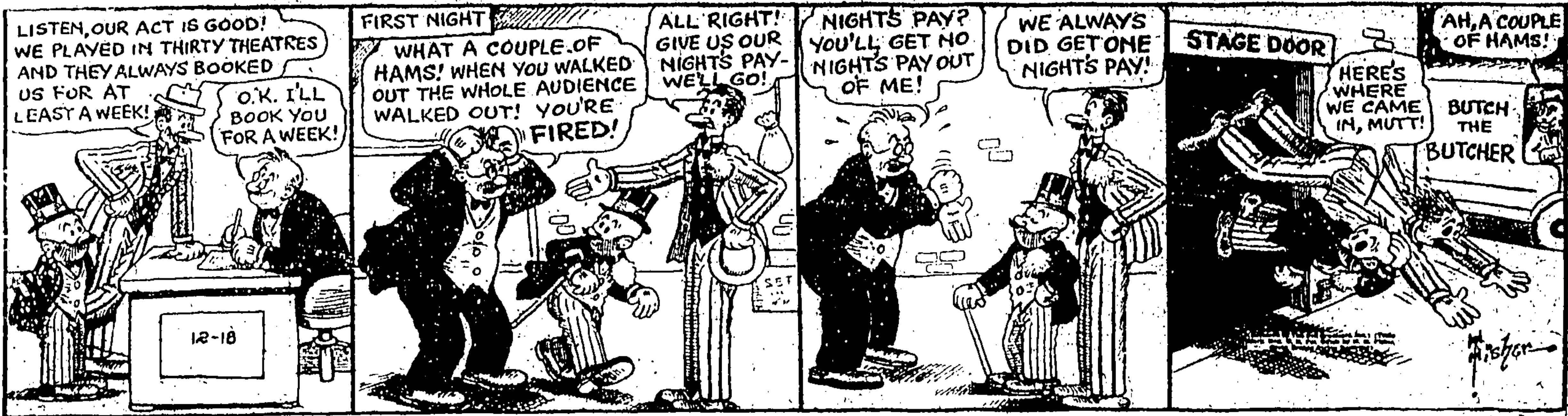
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By BUD FISHER



NO CRISIS FEARED IN CHUNGKING

Chinese circles in Chungking are not at all perturbed over the Communist situation as a result of the High Command's decision to disband the Communist New Fourth Army last month.

Following the conclusion of brief fighting between Government and Communist troops on the south bank of the Yangtse no major fighting has been reported taking place between Government and Communist troops in any other areas.

Meanwhile negotiations are progressing between the Government and Communist authorities for an amicable settlement of differences.

The Chinese Government is not involving any party with Government measures concerning the

AUSTRALIANS WARNED TO WATCH JAPAN

Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister, speaking at a parade in Melbourne yesterday.

He added: "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe."

—Reuter.

New Fourth Army and is maintaining the usual relations with the Chinese Communist Party and other political groups. —Reuter.

BOMB MISSED BABIES

Half buried by debris and suffering from a fractured hip, the Sister Superior of a bombed Catholic orphanage refused all efforts to help her till she was assured that all the children were safe.

The orphanage was bombed during a night raid on London.

Forty babies sleeping in a dormitory less than fifteen yards from where the bomb fell, and a number of boys who were having supper, were unharmed.

The bomb fell on the orphanage chapel, where the Sister Superior and three other sisters were at prayer.

The three sisters escaped injury, but the Sister Superior was struck by the falling masonry and pinned underneath.

The sanctuary was destroyed and the altar split in pieces, fell into the bomb crater.

Only a few minutes before the bomb fell the forty little mites had been put to bed in the nursery building.

"It was a miracle that they were not hurt," Sister Augustine, one of the sisters who was in the chapel, told a reporter.

"There was an awful explosion, and everything went black," she said. "I was stunned. I could not think or act. I felt the roof falling in on us, and I could not move."

"Then I stood up, marvelling that I was alive and unhurt. I rushed outside and found two of the other Sisters out there. We realised that Sister Superior was still in there, and went back to try to find her."

"We found her covered in wreckage and dust, with only her head and shoulders above it. She would not let us touch her till she knew the children were safe, though she must have been in great pain."

Richard Lucas, a warden who was near the chapel, was blown into the air. "I was just lifted as though by an invisible hand," he said, "and don't remember anything else till I found myself lying inside the next room."

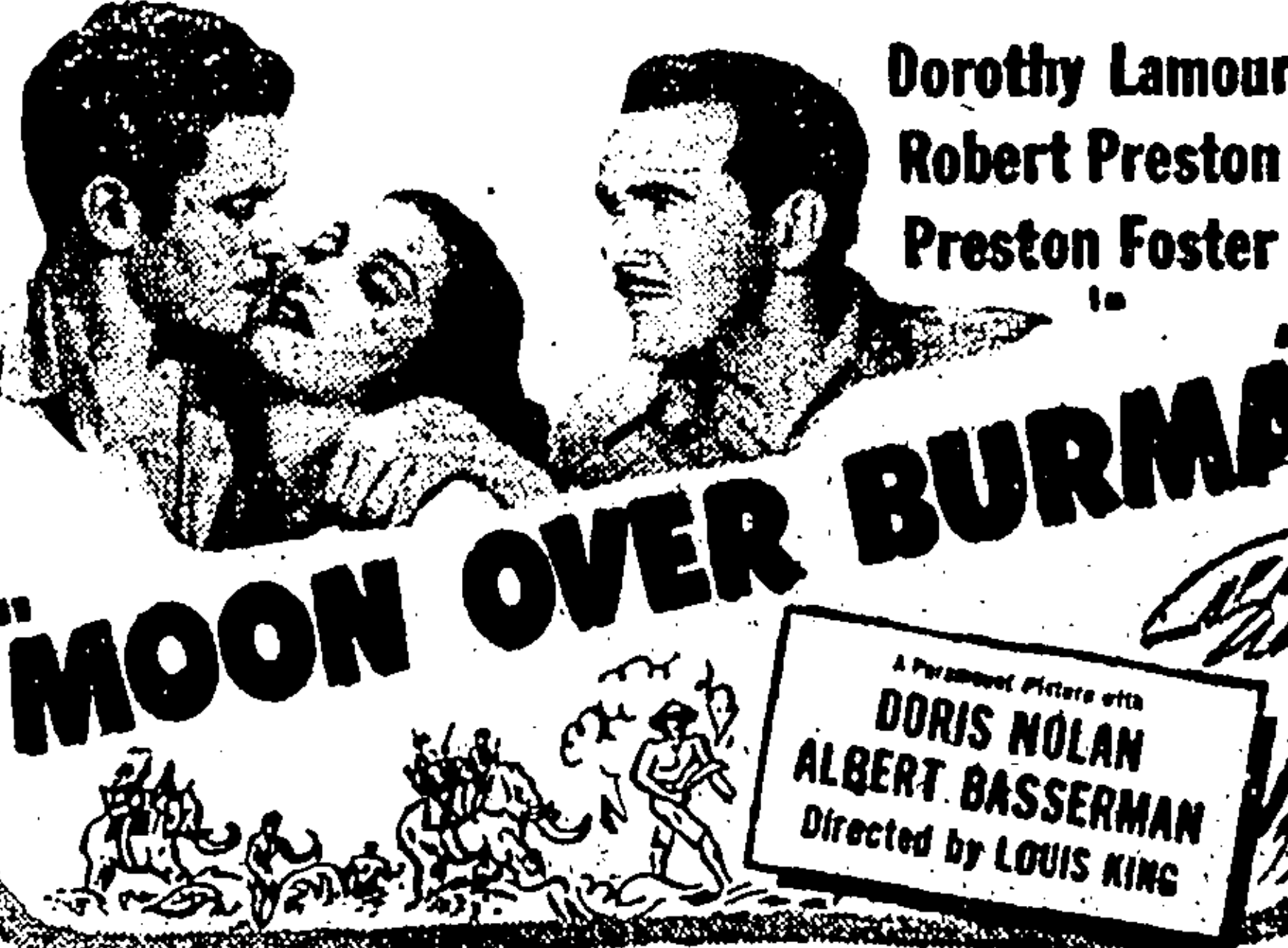
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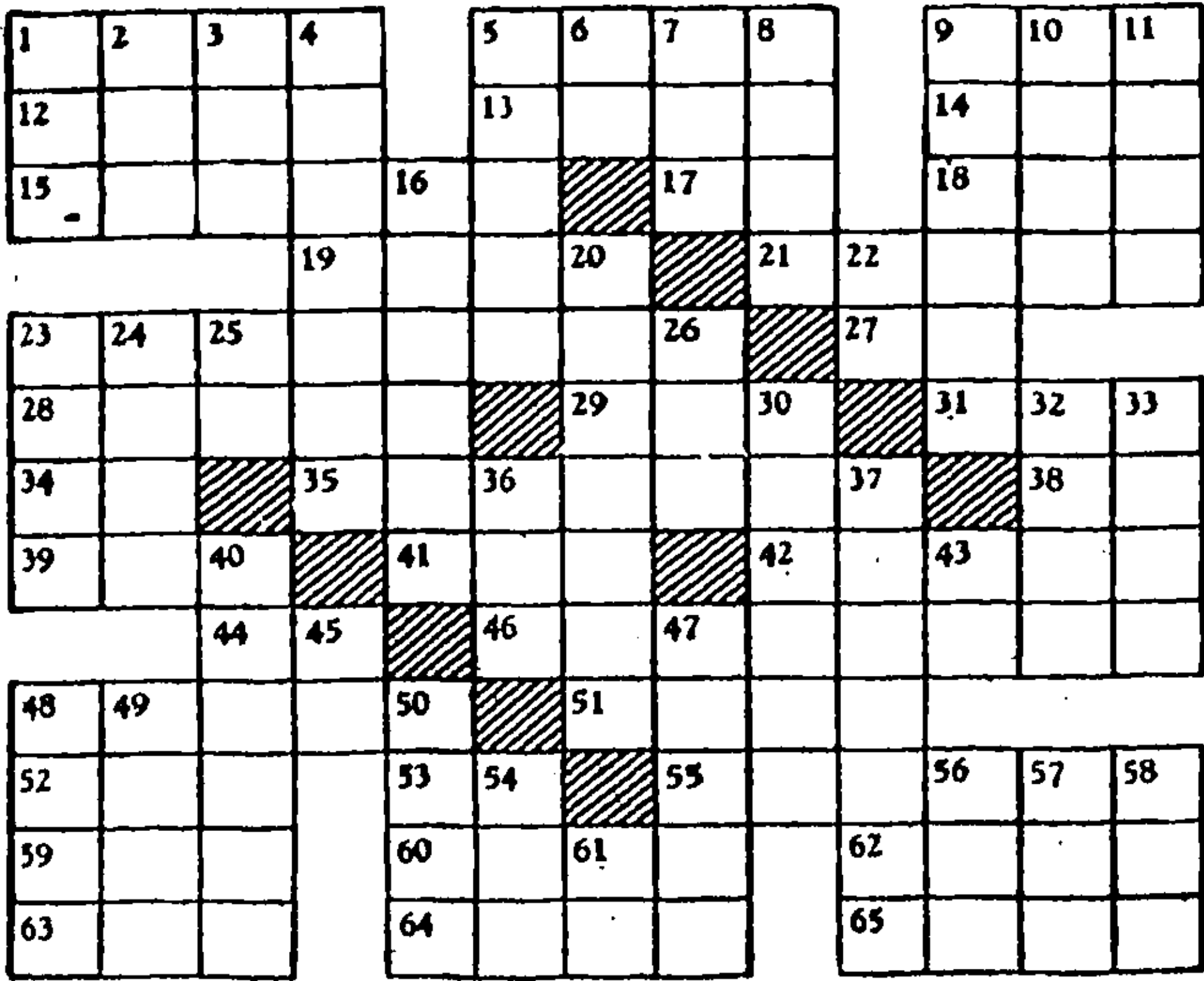
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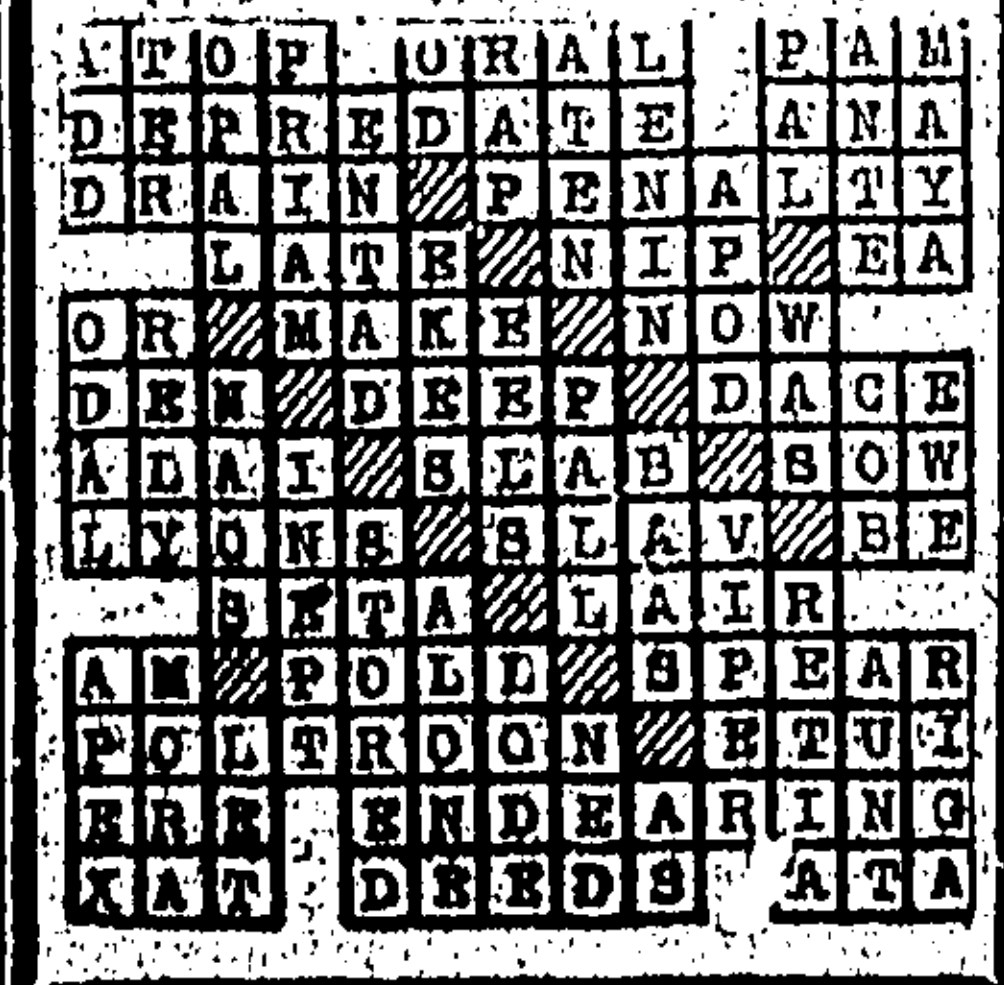
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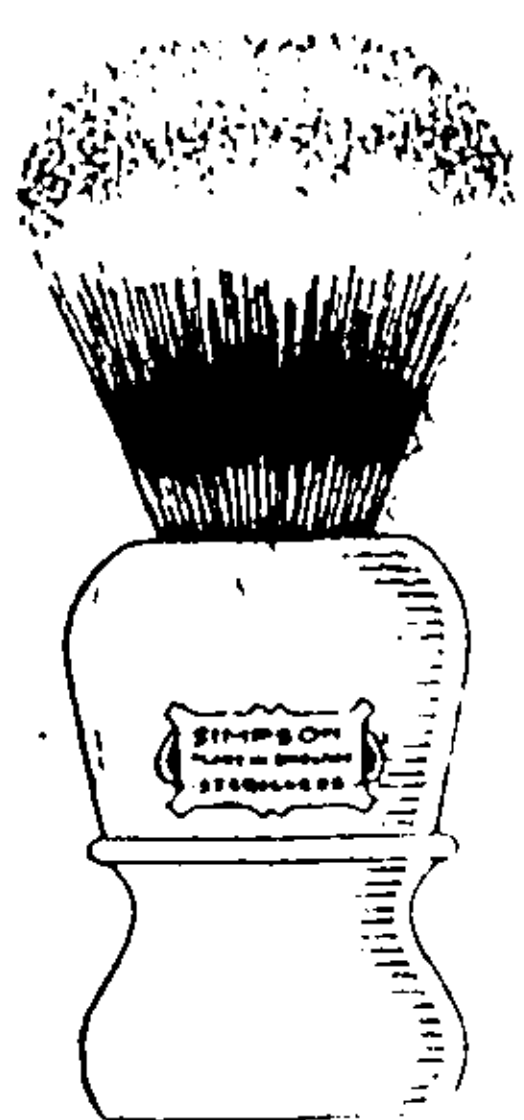
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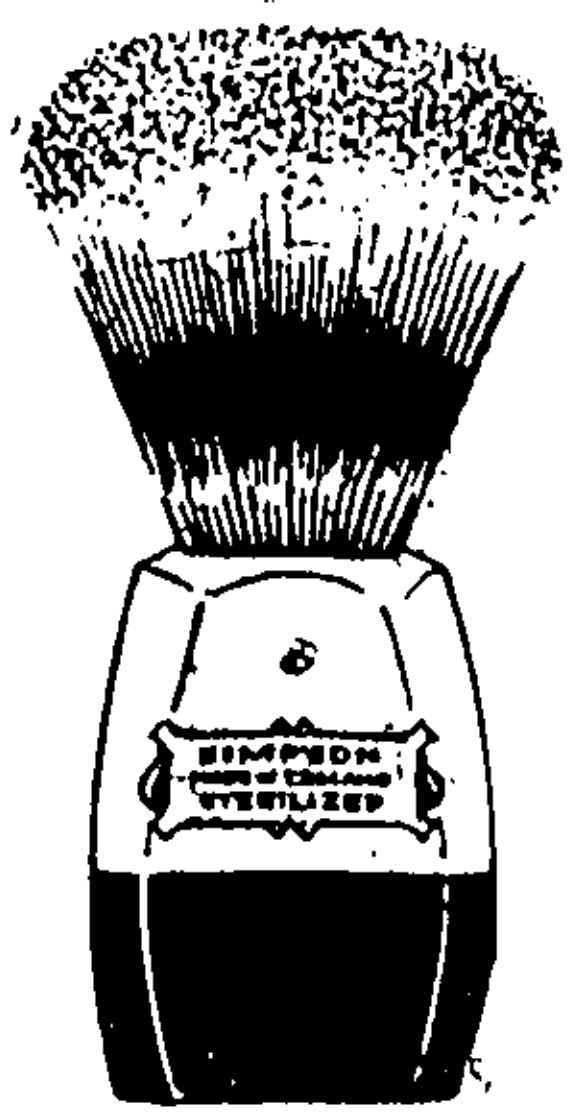
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ITALY'S PLIGHT IN EAST AFRICA: MASSAWA PERIL

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

NEWS OF THE CAPTURE of Agordat and of a further advance on several fronts in Abyssinia is notable proof, if such indeed is required, of British military power and the tenacity of British military leadership against the Italian East African Empire.

In exact proportion it is also a very clear commentary on the military inefficiency of the Italian army.

The selection of British lines of advances against so vast a territory as that of Abyssinia displays a very high level of strategical judgment.

For instance, the line of advance from Kassala strikes by the shortest route at the most decisive point in Italian possessions in East Africa — the great port of Massawa.

For nearly 60 years Massawa has been the centre of their Government and might have been called their base if such a term has any meaning for the Italians in Abyssinia, cut off as they are by sea from all communication with the outside world.

The capture of Massawa will be a tremendous moral blow to the Italians in Abyssinia, for Eritrea is by far the most loyal part of their hold in East Africa.

Value To Navy

In addition, the capture of Massawa will be of considerable value to the British Navy and will facilitate, if necessary, the supply of arms and equipment which the Abyssinians may require for the redemption of their country from the Italian grasp.

The success at Agordat and the British pursuit of the Italians as far as Koren, points to an early attack on Asmara itself, which is a very important Italian hill station from which the British can descend upon Massawa.

The retreat of the defenders of Bayentu is now gravely imperilled and they will probably be able to escape only by the abandonment of their wheeled and mechanised transport.

The British second line advance from Galabat is directed on the important administrative centre of Gondar.

Centre Of Resistance

As far as can be gathered from the somewhat vague reports of operations in Somaliland, the port of Mogadisu is the British objective there.

By these three advances the centre of Italian resistance round Addis Ababa will be almost completely isolated and deprived of many sources of supply.

With the natives of the whole country rising in revolt, which, be it noted, has been carefully prepared and is being well equipped, the Italians will be almost forced to concentrate round Addis Ababa for a final stand.

Their situation in Abyssinia is indeed becoming desperate. — Reuter.

VALONA BOMBED

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. again attacked the Albanian port of Valona on Saturday.

The raid was carried out in bad weather and warehouses, a munitions dump and a timber depot were among targets effectively bombed, direct hits being registered on buildings.

According to headquarters of the British forces, anti-aircraft fire was intense, but the R.A.F. formation machine-gunned batteries from a low level.

All British aircraft returned safely to base. — Reuter.

WILLKIE VISIT TO COVENTRY

Mr. Wendell Willkie started his tour of the bombed provincial cities of England yesterday with visits to Coventry and Birmingham.

He was first conducted through the ruins of Coventry Cathedral by the Bishop and was evidently impressed by the devastation he saw.

Rest of the tour, made by car, gave Mr. Willkie an opportunity of seeing the effects of the indiscriminate bombing on the night of the big raid last November, including the destruction of historic buildings, premises and dwelling houses.

At a press conference Mr. Willkie stated the impression formed by his tour of Coventry led him to believe that the destruction described in American newspapers had not been exaggerated.

He was greatly impressed by the high morale shown by the citizens and had seen no evidence of depressed spirits or of giving up.

He regarded the fact that the tower and spire of Coventry Cathedral had escaped destruction as being symbolic.

Tour of Birmingham

After his tour of Birmingham Mr. Willkie said he had been impressed by the organisation of the so-called "shadow" factories.

Referring to damage in Birmingham Mr. Willkie said he had

VICHY SCRATCHES OFF A FEW NAMES

Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander of the Free French naval forces, has been deprived of French nationality, according to an announcement made in Vichy yesterday.

Several other prominent Frenchmen were also named: Among them are:

Haron Eugene de Rothschild, a member of famous banking family;

Richard Brunot, formerly Governor of the French Cameroons, who was dismissed by the Vichy Government and is now at headquarters of the Free French Forces in London; and

Jacques Meyer, professor at the Hanoi School of Medicine. — Reuter.

FOOCHOW ATTACK FORESHADOWED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was learned yesterday in Shanghai that the Japanese are contemplating an attack on Foochow and Changchow, the only two important cities along the China coast still in Chinese hands. — Our Own Correspondent.

been surprised at its extent "but the reorganisation which I have seen put into operation is a perfect example of how a city can recover."

Mr. Willkie added that without the morale, courage and steadfastness which he had seen everywhere this reconstruction and recovery could not be done.

"I personally hope America will give you such aid," he added, "that with such steadfastness and courage you will shortly win through." — Reuter.

Large Crowds

Arriving in the Birmingham boundary from Coventry Mr. Willkie was met by a large and enthusiastic crowd which made any formal reception by City dignitaries impossible.

Hundreds of people crowded around, endeavouring to shake Mr. Willkie's hand and all the way along the route to the Birmingham Council House crowds had gathered to cheer this distinguished American visitor. — British Wireless.

MR. PRIESTLEY WANTS BLITZ INNS

BROADCASTING last evening Mr. J. B. Priestley described his visit to a "communal feeding centre" in Liverpool.

"It was clean, bright and sensible and had some excellent mural paintings on the walls.

I took my place in a queue which was composed of many different types of people, young and old, rough and smooth. I bought a sixpenny ticket for a meat and vegetable dish, a twopenny one for a sweet and a penny one for coffee.

A young woman in spotless white, working quickly and deftly, handed me a plate of beef stew and vegetables, some apple pie and custard and finally a cup of coffee.

The beef stew was very nicely cooked though I could have done with a bit more beef in it. The apple pie was quite good. The coffee, which I had expected to be hot, wet and nothing more, was surprisingly good."

Mr. Priestley, who earlier in the broadcast suggested the Food Ministry should cease calling these restaurants "communal feeding centres," said in communal feeding was necessary, as it probably would be at least for one meal each day to save waste and obtain maximum value from food-stuffs, there should be "still bigger and jollier places, with rather more cosiness about them too, and introduce into them a few of the hundreds of musicians who are out of work, turning mere communal feeding into jolly dining.

At the same time—drop official titles and call them Lion at Bay, Winston Tavern, Blitz Arms, Victory Inn." — British Wireless.



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DOVER BEACH

Forebodings of a Hitler onslaught mean that there can be no respite, no relief, to the armed men who watch on Dover's cliffs. Each moment of calm upon the Narrow Seas, each hint of mist, drifting across the waters that are England's slender moat, redouble the menace banking in the East.

The sea is calm to-night,
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straits.

Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! For the world which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful,

so new,
Hath really neither joy nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight
Where ignorant armies clash by night.

So Matthew Arnold's poetry is ultimately overtaken by the fact. The armies are ignorant to-day only as all men are ignorant. They do not know the future. They do not know whether victory or defeat will crown their banners; they do not know how high those surface mists may creep or what of menace and sudden death they may conceal. They do know that in this suddenly strange world there is neither certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain; they have acquired the rare, hard knowledge that one has no right to ask for such things, not even on the safe, familiar shingle of Dover Beach, where the children so often used to laugh and the sun umbrellas bloomed; and they do know that it is only in being true to one another — whether the love is between a man and woman, a man and his battalion, a man and his country or his convictions — that the gray face of reality is clothed with the meaning by which alone any men can live.

Dover Beach can be regarded to-day as a strictly military problem. First making due allowance for the state of the Hitlerian nerves, the Russian attitude, the twenty divisions diverted to the Balkans and the domestic morale in Germany, one can produce the probable equations. No mist, no invasion. Too much mist, no

The Nazis thought we were simple but

We escaped from Holland

THREE times I and my 15-year-old comrade, X, attempted to escape from Hitler-dominated Holland.

Many times we almost gave up hope, but the determination to escape in order to fight against the ruthless power that has turned my country into a prison urged us on. The third time, luck was on our side, and here we are, free once again, and with only one desire to defeat Nazism.

I was a student, working to pass my examination as a mechanical engineer when the German invasion threatened us.

It was a good life in those days. People said what they thought. We students led a particularly care-free existence with plenty of fun and parties.

One morning we were told that war had begun. We didn't believe it. We thought someone was having a joke at our expense, but we soon learned otherwise.

I became an A.R.P. worker in Amsterdam, something like your Home Guards. For five nights I patrolled the pitch-dark streets of the city, challenging shadowy forms and examining papers. Anyone of them might have been one of the parachutists even then invading our country.

At the end of those five days it was all over and the Germans were occupying our territory. I soon learned how different life was going to be with all kinds of German-imposed laws and restrictions, and at the last

chance for air cover and preparation and therefore no invasion. Just enough mist over the sea with clear air over the land, and anything might arrive under the chalk cliffs. Or other factors may be introduced. Will Hitler risk an invasion, for which the British profess themselves to be eager, unless he is certain of success? Does the fact that Britons are certain he would fail consequently mean an invasion is improbable? It can be argued backward and forward in strictly military terms, according to the state of the weather.

But Dover Beach is not a military problem primarily. It is a problem in what men believe in, in how much they will stand, in whether they are overcome by the essential blankness of the external world or whether they are resolved to overcome it, to impress upon its pain and horror their own conviction, to wield their Bren guns not as the instruments of a shrinking defence but as the weapons with which they will shape their world to what they believe to be worth while. Such matters unavoidably escape the military expert. They are the larger part of what wins wars.

moment I determined to try to escape.

I started to hitch-hike my way to a harbour, and eventually I got a lift on a bus. When that broke down I took it over from the driver, and soon we were on the move again.

But I had first to take some refugees to safety, and when I reached the harbour I had missed the last boat by one hour. It was bombed and sunk I learned later, so my luck was better than I had thought.

Now the streets were full of Germans, who, though they were outwardly polite, certainly gave themselves the airs of conquerors.

But they did not know what to make of the Dutch people, who, under cover of a superficial politeness, used to "pull the Germans' leg."

They would knock against them on the pavement, then apologise with exaggerated suavity and a fleeting smile which left the German more than a little puzzled as to whether he was really being treated with respect or just made a fool of. Life was full of these small incidents.

The German invaders were baffled by this suave Dutch obstinacy.

We were forbidden to listen to any radio broadcasts except German news, but in nearly every house radio sets were tuned softly and Dutch ears were close to loudspeakers listening to other programmes, and in particular to British broadcasts.

All kinds of petty restrictions cropped up. The penalty for their infringement was death.

We were not allowed to discuss politics, the German themselves, or any news but German. But when we met our friends we relieved our feelings by using all the most descriptive adjectives we knew.

Our friends, who all hated the Germans too, filled in the gaps, applying those opprobrious adjectives to the invaders, their domineering ways, their restrictions, our new life. So we exchanged our views even in public under the Germans' noses.

Sometimes individual Germans made friendly advances, but these were not well received.

"Do you speak German?" one of them asked a young Dutch girl who was walking through the park.

"No," was the reply. "I don't like German soldiers either; I prefer English soldiers."

I was sitting in a cafe when a German spoke to me.

"I can't sit over there," he said confidently, pointing towards a corner of the room, "because there is a Jewish girl there."

"I, too, am a Jew," I answered. The statement was not true, but I was angry at the insulting way he looked at the girl.

He looked at me a little puzzled and incredulous, but my face told him nothing.

When we were forbidden to wear the orange flower, our national symbol, we substituted a white flower.

Some people put the stem of the flower through the hole of a razor blade and wore the flower and concealed blade in their buttonhole. Then if some Fascist tried to snatch out the flower he

Thousands of freedom-loving men and women have escaped from Nazi domination, but this story, told by a young Dutchman, will rank as one of the most heroic escapades of the War.



"The streets were full of German soldiers."

had his fingers cut for his rudeness.

It was forbidden to keep in one's home more than just enough food for two days.

Soon after my first failure to escape, my friend and I tried again. We meant to get across into France, where we hoped to be able to fight against the Germans.

We made our way through Brabant. It was forbidden to cross the Meuse and there was a German officer with a guard on the bridge we reached.

But we offered him a cigarette and flattered him, and after strolling along with him in conversation we managed to find ourselves on the other side of the bridge.

It was a tragic journey for we saw miles of country laid waste. Worst of all was the sight of Rotterdam, through which we passed by night.

All we could see of this once prosperous city of 400,000 inhabitants was ruins, miles of blackened ruins silhouetted in the moonlight, and on them bodies piled up in funeral pyres as much as three yards high.

Even here in London you have seen nothing like those ruins. From one side of the city you could see right across to the other: there were no buildings left to obstruct the view.

On the heaps of brick and piles of blackened rubble which once were bright and happy Dutch homes lay the bodies, bodies of German soldiers, bodies of Dutch soldiers, bodies of women and bodies of children, a series of horrible monuments in human flesh to the Nazi Moloch.

We borrowed boats to cross canals and broke other German laws, penalty for infringing which was death, but luck was with us until we were almost within sight of our goal, and then my friend was taken ill.

We were bitterly disappointed, but there was nothing for it but slowly and painfully to retrace our steps. Once again we found ourselves in Amsterdam, where I continued my studies and sat for my examinations, but always with the thought of escape uppermost in my mind.

Then came the fateful day. This time we planned to escape up the canals to the sea by boat.

We knew next to nothing of navigation, were forbidden to get any supplies; we were not allowed to sail by night or to approach the harbour, but we were determined to overcome these difficulties somehow.

We took with us food and medical supplies on our little

boat, hiding them as best we could. Sure enough, as we made our way up the canal we were searched and some of our supplies found.

We were questioned, and made believe they were for Germans, and got away with a joking remark about good German appetites. Eventually we found ourselves within two miles of the sea.

We came close to a Naval air port, which was of course forbidden. Again we were stopped and questioned, but we managed to put on an air of great innocence. They thought we were very simple, and laughed heartily when we told them we were going to sail to England. It was much too absurd to believe.

They told us we must return inland at once, but we pointed out that it was forbidden for us to pass up the canal at night, and that we were forced by German law to anchor after dark.

After some discussion they said we might anchor inside the harbour this once, but if we were found there again we should at once be shot.

Soon after dark we sailed inland, and at about midnight crossed into a canal running beside the other, and made for the sea.

Here we sighted a patrol-boat, and thought this, then, was the end, but apparently it didn't see us, and, struggling with our little sailing boat, we pointed out seawards.

Every time we saw a plane we expected to be bombed, but we did manage to signal to a British plane. They sent us a long message, but it was in Morse, and that we did not understand.

As we crossed one very dangerous spot the waves swept higher than our little sail, and we expected our little boat to founder any minute. We were very seasick, too.

Eventually we were sighted by a British ship, and with great difficulty we managed to get alongside. Our rope broke and our boat with all our belongings was battered on the ship's side and lost, but we were hauled on board.

Our rescuers would not let us thank them, just took it all as a matter of course, gave us hot food and drinks and beds to rest in, and brought us to Harwich.

We were free at last.

Now I belong to a Dutch unit. That is good, but it is not enough. My ambition is to join the R.A.F. and fight the Germans now—without delay.

I know what my friends would think. I have seen them cheer when British planes dropped bombs on German objectives, even though it was their own country.

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SOUTH AFRICANS BEGIN INVASION OF ABYSSINIA

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with
 the South African Forces Inside Abyssinia)

AFTER EXPELLING THE ITALIAN INVADERS FROM ALL PARTS OF KENYA SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED ENEMY TERRITORY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

These lean, brown warriors, hardened to sweltering intense heat, have reached the country which for six months has been their goal. They comprise men from Cape hamlets, the Transvaal high veld, the Natal coast and the Free State plains.

With machine-guns ready to spray the elusive Italian native irregulars, armoured cars in the desert, east of Lake Rudolf, trundled across the trackless wastes into Abyssinia.

Infantrymen who had already tasted excitement at the Battle of El Yibo went bucketing across rough country in three-ton troop carriers with songs on their lips, realising that at last they were north of the border and inside Abyssinia.

The South Africans had to force their way across extremely difficult country, their course lying across deserts and areas where volcanoes, now extinct, had once poured out millions of tons of lava, into a region rarely visited by the white man.

Probably to the astonishment of the Italians, who thought this an impossible military feat, they are now not only knocking at the door of Abyssinia but have crossed its stronghold and are nearer Addis Ababa than Nairobi, Reuter.

RAFTS FOR WINGED GERMANS

Floating "sick bays" in the Channel are the newest Nazi device to cut their high losses of trained airmen.

Wooden rafts, about 40ft. long, with railings round their edges, are towed out and anchored near the French coast, where damaged home-flying machines are most likely to crash.

All air crews sent blitzing against us are told where the sick bays are located. Their instructions are to try to reach them rather than come down in Britain and be out of the war for good.

If they cannot make the journey they are to get as near the rafts as possible, then swim with the help of the air-filled life-jackets worn when flying.

In sealed canisters aboard the sick bay are used French uniforms. Perhaps because French civilians on the Channel seaboard might be hostile to Nazi airmen sitting on rafts.

Iron rations are also provided and two rubber boats. Occasionally seaplanes visit the sick bays, like panel doctors on their rounds. Presumably the rubber boat is for the shot-down Nazi to use if he isn't there when the "doctor" calls.

MASKED MEN RAID N. T. VILLAGE

Six masked men, armed with daggers, forced their way into a house in the Great Well Village in the Ping Shan District, New Territories, last night, and decamped with over \$800 in money and jewellery.

GAOLED M.P.'S PLEA FAILS

The detention of Captain Ramsay, M.P. for Peebles, does not constitute a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons, the Committee of Privileges has decided.

In its report the committee stated that in his evidence Captain Ramsay asked for the committee's indulgence and said:

"If you had been locked up for twenty hours a day in a cell between a murderer and a leper for weeks and had been locked up during air raids you would not feel at your best."

On his second appearance before the Committee, Captain Ramsay referred to this statement, and said:

"I would like to alter that to a suspected leper. There was only one doctor's certificate saying that this man was a leper. It was subsequently proved that he was not but we were with him for ten days."

Captain Ramsay also referred to an allegation made in the House of Lords that he had been appointed a Gauleiter for Scotland.

There is not a shred of truth in that statement," he declared. "If I had accepted the post of Gauleiter it would have been treason."

Precedents, says the Committee's report, lend no support to the view that M.P.s are exempted by privilege of Parliament from detention under Regulation 18B of the Defence Regulations 1939.

materials provided free of cost by nobles and the people.

Under the personal direction of Queen Salote the Ladies of Tonga have made defence force uniforms and presented them to the force.—British Wireless.

TONGA'S AID TO THE EMPIRE

ALTHOUGH NOT FORMING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE THE PROTECTED KINGDOM OF TONGA IS SECOND TO NONE IN SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THE EMPIRE IS FIGHTING.

Tonga (or Friendly Islands) has a population under 35,000 but the kingdom's Fighter Plane Fund has already passed the £6,000 mark whilst contributions to the Red Cross and the defence force Comforts Fund amount to

£1,000 and £400 respectively.

Local defence measures owe a great deal to the generosity of Queen Salote, her family, the nobles and people. The Royal Family has given the site of an aerodrome at Peppercorn and the five miles of road giving access to it was constructed free of charge by the Tonga Government.

Barracks to accommodate the defence force, which was raised on a purely voluntary basis after war broke out, were built from

CHEERED BY HAND CLASP IN DEBRIS

(By A Special Correspondent)

BURIED UNDER tons of debris with only her head and a hand free to move, a woman was comforted by a Home Guard who crawled into the wreckage and held — and patted — her hand.

In the darkness they lay side by side for more than two hours, and talked of "anything but bombs." Movement by either would have shifted the wreckage, burying them both.

The woman, Mrs. Violet Wilson, is now in a country convalescent home recovering from her ordeal in her bombed house in a London suburb.

The Home Guard is Mr. William Wood, a young upholsterer, of Birnam Road, Tooting, Park, N.

Mrs. Wilson told a reporter: "The house received a direct hit and collapsed on top of me in the basement."

"I cannot describe my feelings as I lay there and prayed that somebody would find me."

"After what seemed hours I heard a voice calling: 'Are you all right?' I almost wept with joy."

"Then I heard someone crawling through the wreckage."

Protected By Carpet

"There was just a small hole in front of my face through which I could breathe."

"Mr. Wood was able to hand me some water, and I felt better. Then he patted my hand and told me that everything would be all right."

"For more than two hours he lay beside me holding my hand. I was afraid that he might go away, but he assured me that he would not leave whatever happened."

Mr. Wood said: "I had to draw myself backward through a small hole to reach Mrs. Wilson."

"She was buried up to her neck in the debris and could move only her head and a hand. I kept patting her hand. We talked of anything but bombs."

"Only a carpet caught up over a door was keeping off the wreckage from our heads."

"I was afraid that a false move by the rescue workers would send the whole lot crashing on us."

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Fighters Flaunt Defiance To Nazis

R.A.F. FIGHTERS crossing the English Channel in several waves, and joined once by bombers, carried out offensive sweeps once again by daylight yesterday over German-occupied territory.

These and other operations by single British bombers ended a 24-hour phase of R.A.F. action by day and night which was limited by unfavourable weather but showed more vigour than action by the Luftwaffe over Britain.

Altogether three Nazi invasion bases were attacked and of them, Boulogne, twice.

The story of the further sweeps is told by the Air Ministry in the following communique:

"During daylight-to-day formations of our fighters carried out offensive sweeps over the Straits of Dover and enemy-occupied territory. Of a small number of enemy aircraft encountered three fighters were destroyed.

"On one sweep our fighters were accompanied by a small force of bombers which attacked docks at Boulogne.

"Other attacks were made by single aircraft of the Coastal Command on enemy aerodromes at Ostend and Brest.

Fighter Missing

"An enemy fighter which attacked one of these aircraft was shot down. One fighter is missing from these operations."

Boulogne docks have been attacked just before dawn by another small force of R.A.F. bombers, which also raided Ostend, while docks at Brest were attacked during Saturday night by another small force.

German Raids

The German air force was not reported over any part of Britain on Saturday night and yesterday confined itself to "light activity" by single aircraft over the east coast of England, the Air Ministry announced.

A few bombs were dropped in East Anglia but little damage and caused no casualties, it is officially announced.

During the afternoon some farms and shops were damaged and a small number of people injured by bombing at two places on the coast of Kent.

Day And Night

"The R.A.F. has shown by its action during the last 24 hours how the air offensive of 1941 over Western Europe can be shared with the Luftwaffe by day as well as night, writes Reuter's air correspondent.

Operations were limited on account of the weather but the very fact that they were pursued in the face of unfavourable conditions shows signs of healthy vigour.

The one-sided daylight offensive of last summer has gone, possibly for all time. — Reuter.

SHIP 8 TIMES IN THE AIR

Captain W. H. Dawson, who brought his vessel into port although she was in danger of sinking after she had been lifted right out of the water by bombs eight times, has been awarded the M.B.E. (Civil Division).

Two officers and a pilot have also received the M.B.E., and thirty-one officers and men have been commended for courage.

One of those commended was the late Captain E. W. Moulton, master of the 15,501-ton liner Arandora Star, torpedoed and sunk while taking German and Italian internees to Canada.

Also commended is Captain James Cook, who was master of the Athenia, the 13,581-ton Donaldson liner which was torpedoed without warning in the Atlantic a few hours after the declaration of war.

Pilot C. P. Jackson, of Falmouth, has been awarded the M.B.E. He towed away two ships set on fire during an enemy raid.

INVASION PORTS RAIDED

Docks at three Nazi invasion ports in occupied France — Boulogne, Ostend and Brest—were attacked by small forces of R.A.F. bombers on Saturday night and just before dawn yesterday.

The Brest attack was made first by planes of the Coastal Command which yesterday continued in unfavourable weather patrols and reconnaissance flights over the occupied coast-line.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuously on the look-out for the first signs of any invasion movement.

Boulogne and Ostend were selected for yesterday's pre-dawn raids.

British fighters, accompanied once by bombers, made a number of daylight raids yesterday over occupied France.

Two planes are missing from operations since Saturday.

A few single German aircraft made the customary armed reconnaissance flights over the English coast yesterday following a night of activity. — Reuter.

EMPTY POCKETS FOR VICTORY

"Stop and think sometimes what life under the Nazis really means, and then steel your hearts and empty your pockets."

Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said this when he inaugurated Gloucester's War Weapon Week.

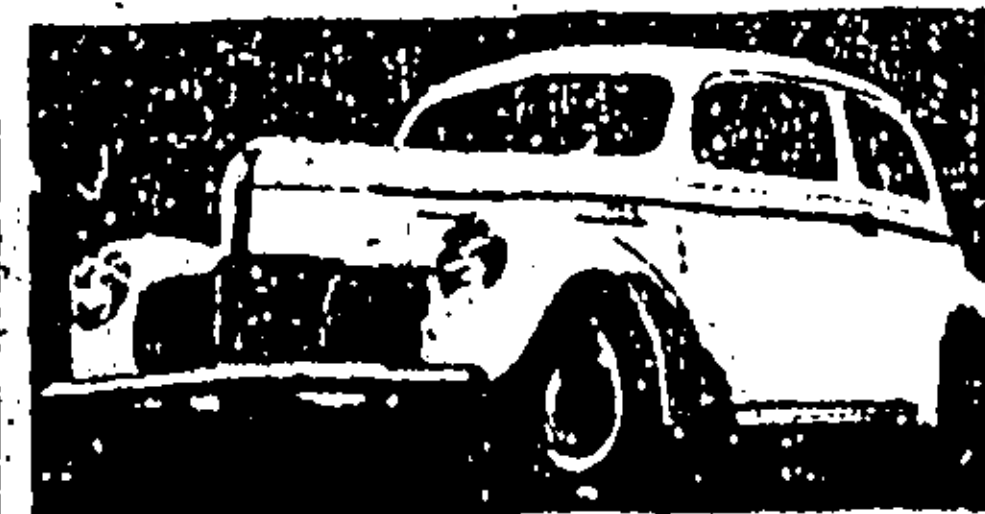
"The war is costing us vast sums, but I know that to defeat Hitlerism and all it stands for everyone of you would, when up against it, shed the last drop of your blood, and willingly give—and I am only asking you to lend—your last penny."

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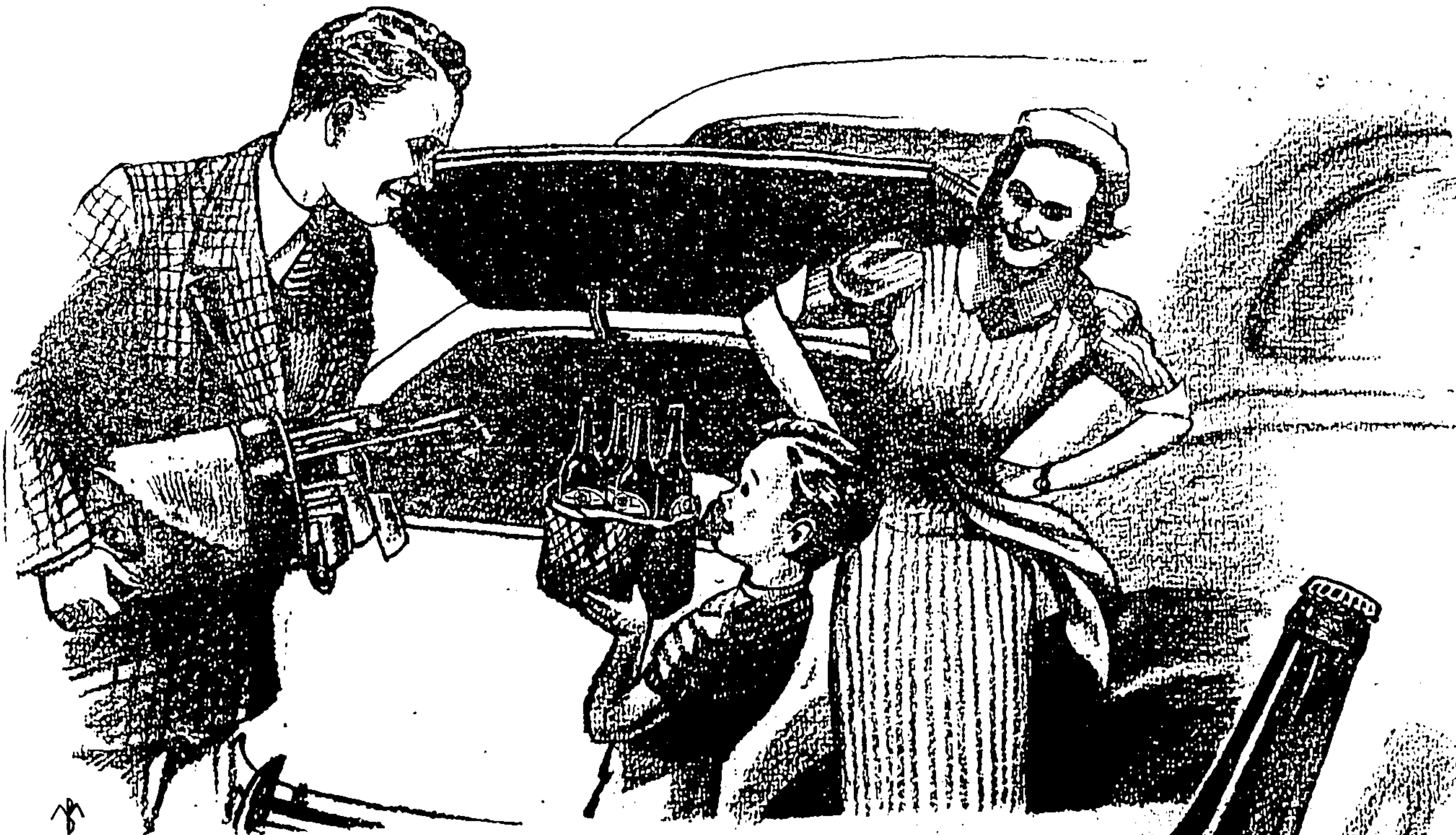
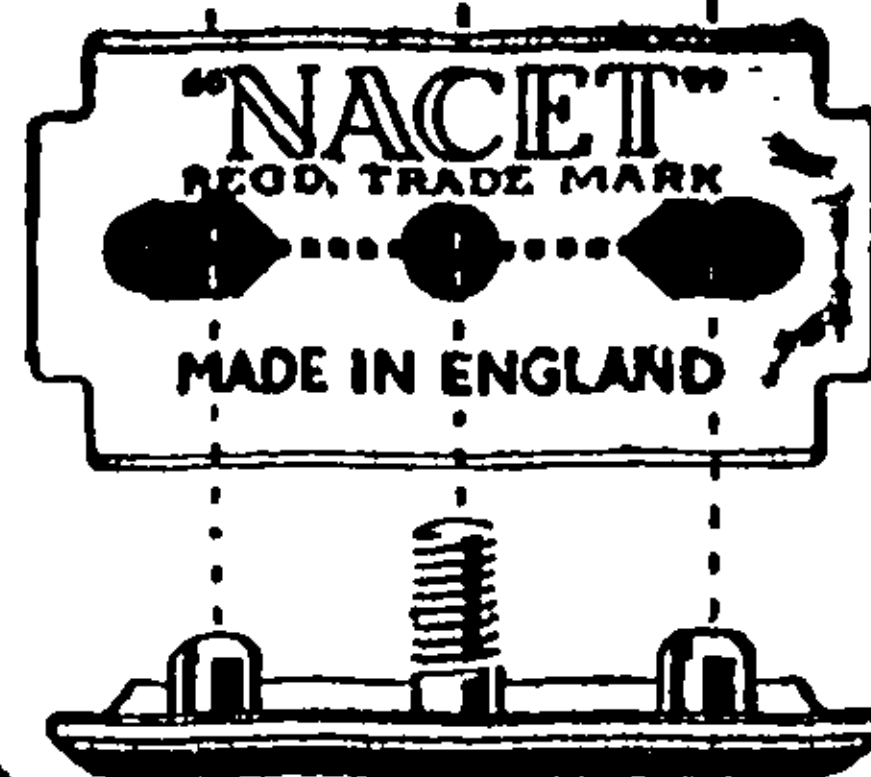
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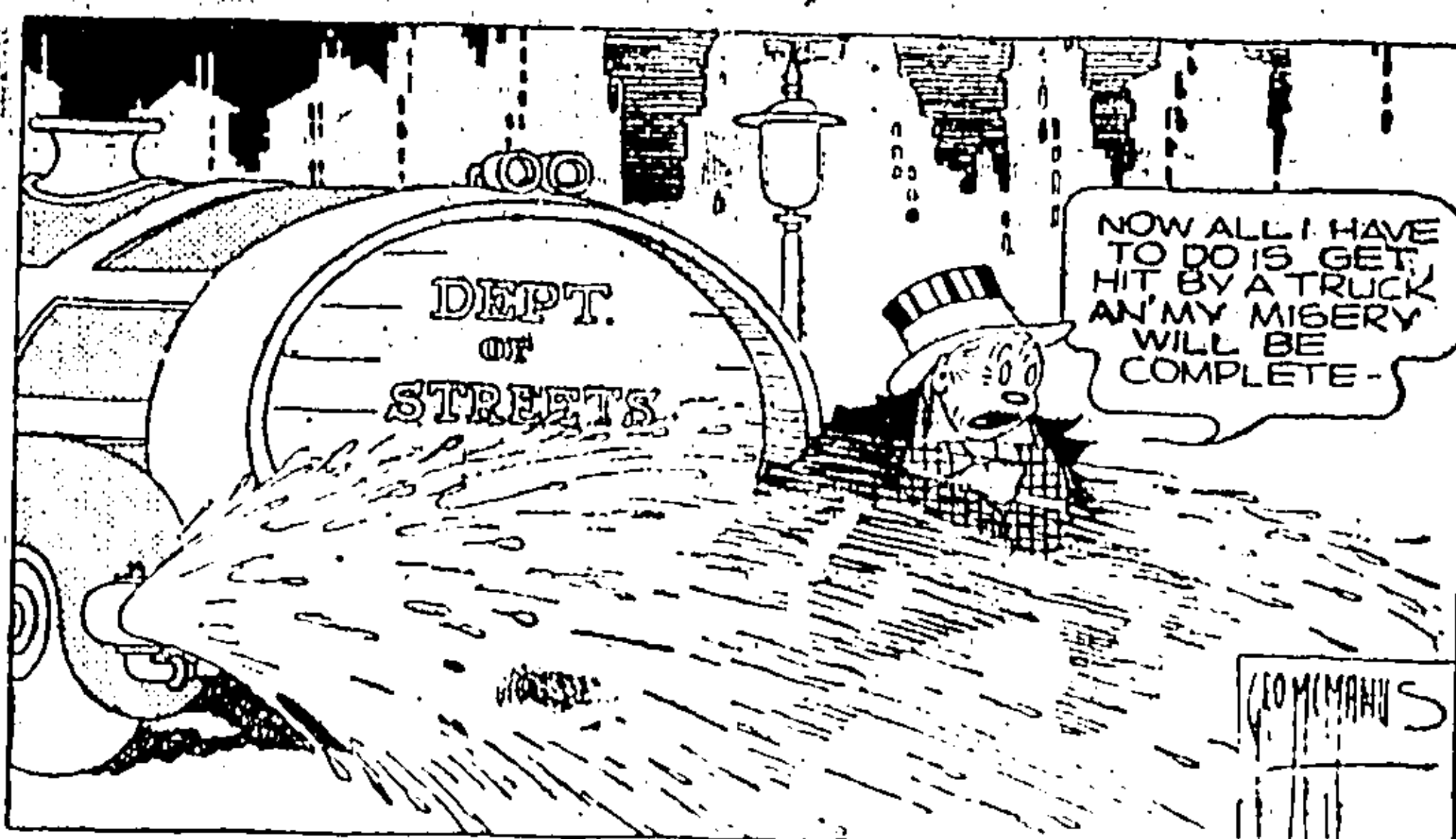
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Winter Woollies

HERE'S a recipe for the most attractive of country kits you could possibly have, and the smartest!

Well-cut tweed skirt with two or three flecks of colour in it on a brown, beige or grey ground, a tailored top coat in the same tweed—

By
RITA

And a different knitted jumper and cardigan set to match each different fleck in the tweed.

Height of success would be achieved by having three felt hats, each matching a different colour in the fleck also.

Smart jacket and matching pull-over sets are knitted to mould the figure gracefully. They have a to-the-throat neckline and a ribbed welt at the waist. They are fairly short, too—shorter than they were last year.

Jackets can be buttoned up snugly or left open. The usual idea is to leave them open, except on very cold days.

A further clever note is achieved by wearing over your stockings knitted ankle socks to match the different flecks in the tweed, and, if you wish to complete the scheme, knitted gloves as well.

When I spent a few days in the country recently I so much admired the way the grown-up daughter of my hostess dressed.

She had plain little flecked tweed skirts—short ones, of course with a graceful flare at the hem. One or two of them had all-round godet pleats; the others were quite straight and simple. These skirts had only one contrasting fleck of colour and with each skirt she wore twin sets to match up this fleck.

As she has hazel eyes and dark hair she is one of those fortunate people whom almost any tone of

To Terms With Your Diet

THE leaves are falling—a reminder that damp, dank days and frosts are just ahead.

If your system is well tuned up it will take them in top gear so to speak.

If it isn't well, look out for shuffles and sneezes, a red nose, a "pasty" skin, and a general feeling that everything's too much trouble.

By Justine Glass

Protective measures, to ensure that you belong to the lucky ones who repel winter's nastiest attacks, must begin now. Give your system the materials it needs in order to organise an efficient resistance; give your blood a chance to marshal its reinforcements.

How are you going to do it?

First, by coming to terms with your tummy. If you are careful to give it the heat-producing foods



it needs, and plenty of vitamins, it'll create healthy physique for you.

Sugar, fats and starches maintain bodily temperature.

Glucose (two dessertspoonfuls twice a day—or more, if you wish)

can be taken instead of sugar. It enriches the blood and is vitalising and energy-giving.

Unless your skin is very dry, your butter ration should meet your needs. Dry-skinned people should begin now to take two teaspoonfuls of cod-liver oil daily.

Vegetables are ever-important, especially lettuces. If they become scarce, fall back on carrots, which are packed with health and beauty-giving properties.

I'd strongly advise a course of the vitamin pellets which keep colds at nose's length.

Also calcium in organic form should be taken. It will prevent chilblains and increase the resistance power of the blood.

It benefits, in this way, the circulation—but exercise is necessary to brisk the blood up properly. Sorry—but there it is.



Ideal for chilly winter days is this well designed twin set of cardigan and jumper in fine wool.

blue will suit, and so, with one grey skirt which had a bright blue fleck she wore a bright blue jumper, socks, etc., with another which had a grey-blue fleck she wore a twin set in grey-blue and blue socks and gloves. With a brown and cherry tweed there was a cherry twin set to match.

Her shoes had thick, sensible soles, but all were of very clever design. With the cherry set there were thick soled Oxfords in reptile skin dyed to match; other shoes were laced up, ones with inlets of contrasting leather, such as calf with suede in a slightly lighter shade.

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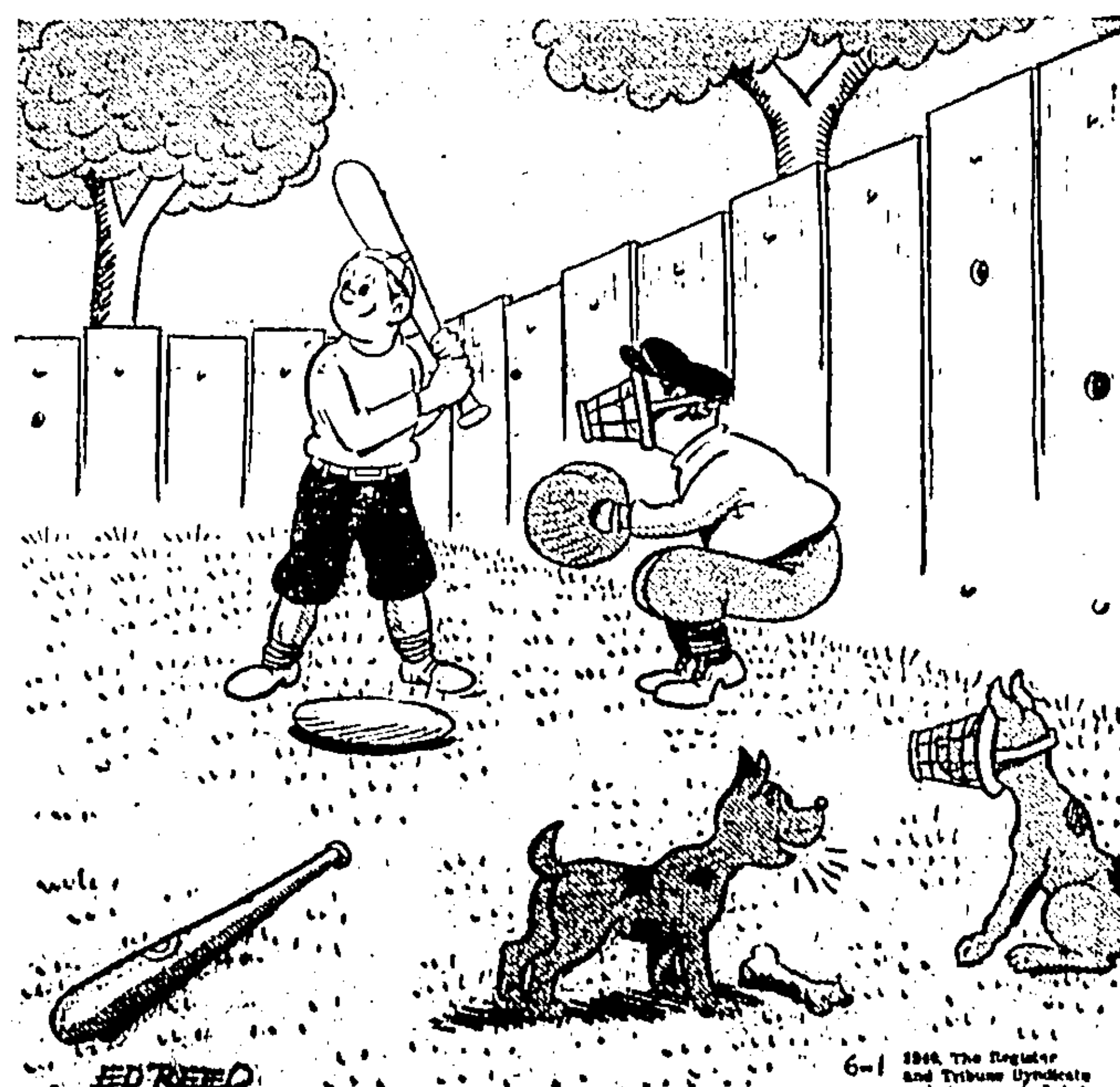
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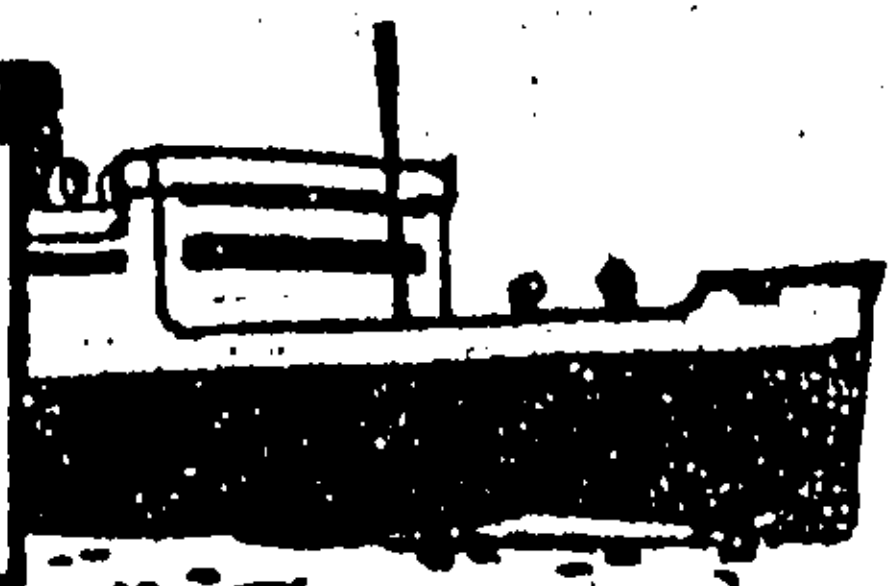
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ther Report.

1.03 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson
at the Piano.

1.13 p.m.—The Regal Cinema Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Gershwin.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 p.m.—"Swing" Music with Dinah
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of
the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Edith Lorand and Her Vien-
nese Orchestra.

7.43 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This week's Programmes.

8.06 p.m.—"Fats" Waller at the Organ.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gangl"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and
Sullivan's "Ruddigore."

9.55 p.m.—Violin Solos by Temilanka.

10.12 p.m.—Rachmaninoff — Symphony
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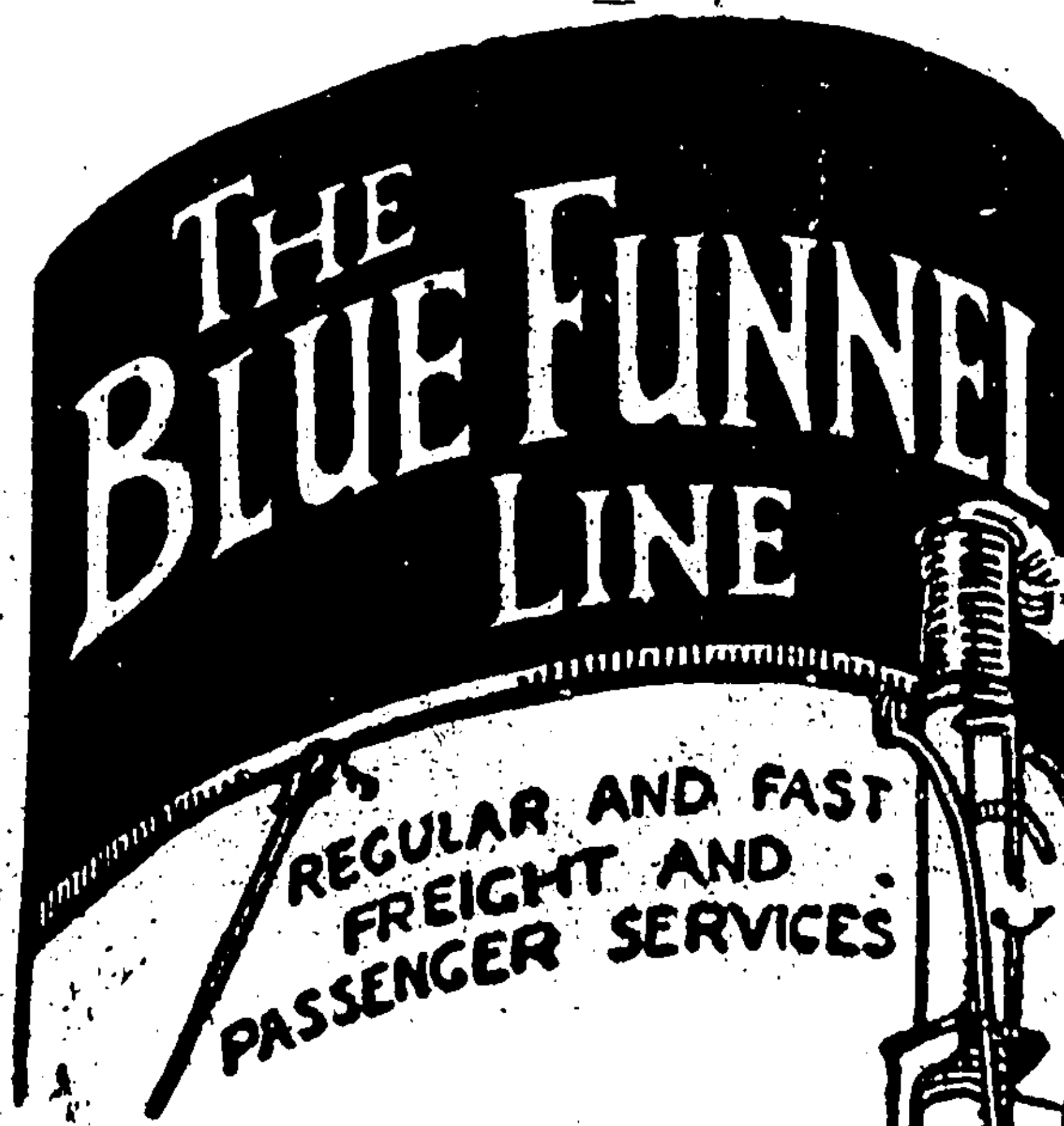
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EMERGENCY REGS. CHARGE

O Ha-tak, 35, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with loitering in a controlled car park in Pedder Street yesterday.

Defendant was charged under the Emergency Regulations, the first case of its kind to be brought. Defendant was seen near private car No. 4517, which was parked in Pedder Street about 10.30 p.m. yesterday. Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

WEATHER IN JANUARY

The Director of the Royal Observatory, reporting on the weather of January, says that the greater part of the month was considerably warmer than usual, although there were two short cold spells on the 25th—26th and 30th—31st.

The weather was fair during the early part of the month, but became unsettled with frequent rain from the 12th to the 24th. There was a heavy downpour on the 21st, and a thunderstorm on the 23rd, thunder is very unusual in January.

The last week of the month was cloudy but mainly dry. The development of an exceptionally intense anticyclone over China caused a marked fall in temperature on the 30th and 31st.

The mean temperature for the month was 64.7 F., which is 5.5 above normal. The maximum 80.0, which occurred on the 4th, is a record for January. A minimum of 48.3 was recorded on the 31st. The mean relative humidity was 74, against a normal of 75.

Only 86 hours of sunshine were recorded, the normal being 145 hours. The total rainfall was 3.81 inches, which is more than three times the normal. The greater part of this rain fell on the 21st.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 44 m.p.h. at 7 a.m. on the 23rd.

SNOOKER EXHIBITION

A Snooker exhibition under the auspices of the European Y.M.C.A. in aid of the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund will be held to-morrow at 8 p.m. in the "Y" billiard's room, when two of the Colony's leading exponents, A. P. Pereira of the H.K.V.D.C. and Corp. J. H. Harvey, of the R.A.M.C., who recently annexed the local Army Individual Billiards and Snooker Championships, will meet. The rivalry between these two players is a genuinely keen one, and their recent match at the "Y", which resulted in a win for Pereira, has left the issue for the next encounter an open one.

In their last game, Pereira scored a win on points, while Harvey had the satisfaction of taking two of the three frames played.

Admission to this match is, by ticket only, and will be limited to 50.

CHIEF INSPECTOR'S CAR ROBBED

Chief Inspector (Kowloon) H. M. Hourihan was the victim of a thief when a traffic indicator and a windscreen wiper were stolen from his car No. 5410, which was parked outside his residence, No. 202, Prince Edward Road, yesterday afternoon.

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GAMBLING SCHOOL RAIDED

For keeping a "Pai Kau" gambling house at No. 31, Shanghai Street, Ng Ching, 43 was fined \$30 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon this morning.

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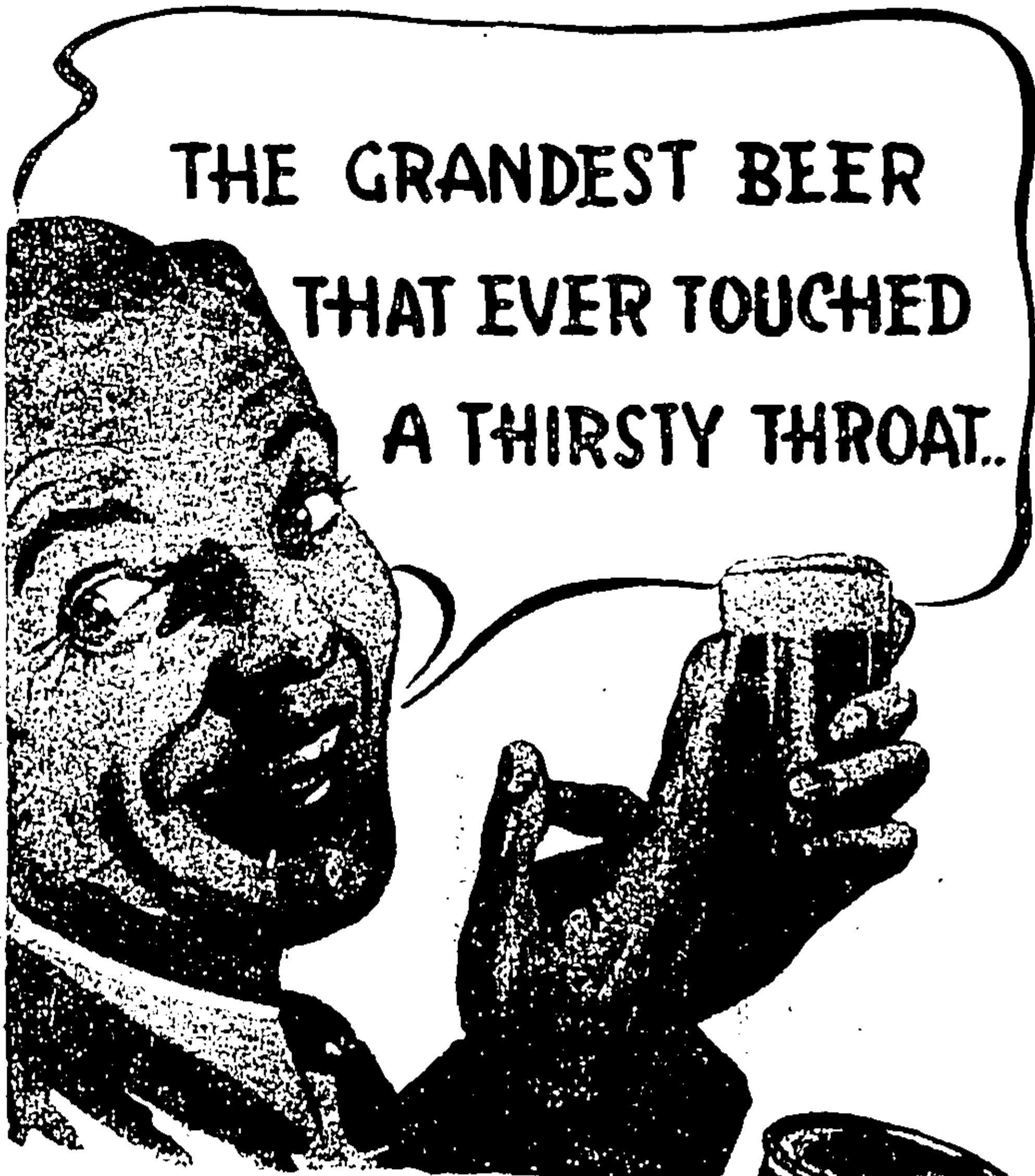
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Minshull And Hsu In Form

By "Referee"

AFTER AN ABSENCE of many seasons, Royal Artillery made a return to Senior football when at Sookunpoo yesterday they met Eastern, holders, in the First Round of the Senior Shield Competition.

Though beaten by three clear goals they have every reason to be satisfied with their performance particularly when it is taken into consideration that the players have not played together before and that the team was only completed in the afternoon.

The Gunners, more than held their own in the first half and prevented Eastern from scoring though it must be admitted that Eastern had several opportunities which they did not take advantage of. The Artillery defence rose to great heights throughout the game, their fast tackling and clean kicking somewhat upsetting the machine-like movements of Eastern and it was only late in the second half that the Chinese had any real advantage against the defence.

Artillery forwards were good individually but as was only natural they lacked that understanding and combination so essential to a winning team.

Whole Team Try Hard

It would be unfair to signal any particular Gunner player for special mention as the whole team gave of their best and tried hard throughout. Minshull, in goal, caught the eye most with some of his saves and on the whole gave a grand display of goal-keeping. Though beaten three times he saved twice as many goals. He had just played in the previous game for 24th Battery against Service Corps.

Lawton and Taylor formed a formidable pair of packs, kicking well and being safe with everything overhead and these two players were great hurdles to the Eastern forwards.

Ronson, in the pivotal position, had a trying afternoon against the fast Eastern inside-forwards but he accomplished his task well. He had Hyui beaten with high balls, while though out-positioned at times by the movements of N. Z. Lee, he did not allow this player to be unduly dangerous.

Greig and Roberts tackled quickly and did not allow Hau Ching-to and Cheung Yung-sum much scope.

Owens Well-Watched

Owens was well watched by Lo Wai-kuen but in the second period had the better of the half and sent over good centres. McCadden, on the left wing, also came into the picture in the second half and had Lau Tse-chen fully occupied.

The inside-forwards played as well as was to be expected, but their passes to the wings were at times weak. Added to this they were not able to get the

ball through the centre as Kong Seng-king and Ng Kee-cheong were on top form.

Eastern did not play their usual game, being early upset by the fast and determined tackling of the Gunners.

Hsu King-seng in the pivotal position was their outstanding player. He kept his forwards well supplied with passes and on numerous occasions cleared his lines with his overhead kicking.

Ng Deteriorates

Ng Kee-cheong started off well at left-back but deteriorated in the second half when Owens was continually breaking away on the right wing.

Hyui, Cham Kum-hoi and N. Z. Lee resorted too much to short passing which allowed the Artillery defence to nip in and clear. The wingers were put through on several occasions but were not given much time to steady themselves before centring.

After a goalless half, Hsu sent through a forward pass to the right and Chung Yung-sum scored. Shortly after N. Z. Lee scored with a deliberate shot which hit the upright but went into the net. Late in the game Hau Ching-to completed the scoring with a cross shot high into the net.

Gunners pressed hard in the closing stages and went near scoring but Lau Hin-hon in goal was not really tested.

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Ng Kee-cheong, Lo Wai-kuen, Hsu King-seng, Lau Chi-tsang, Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Hyui Man-fu, N. Z. Lee and Hau Ching-to.

COMBINED R.A.—Minshull; Lawton; Taylor, Greig, Ronson, Roberts, Owens, Atkins, McDermott, Cross and McCadden.

ARMY AGAIN BEAT POLICE AT RUGBY

End of the season spirit prevailed at the final Quadrangular Rugby Tournament match between Police and Army at Boundary Street on Saturday—Police had to borrow two Club players and Army, with a very much superior team on view, were able to win by only 14—0.

Douglass, Millar and Sutherland were prominent for Army, while Laville of Club played an extraordinarily good game at full-back for Police.

FINAL STANDINGS

	Pts.	Pts.
Navy	5	1
Club	3	2
Army	6	2
Police	0	0

Full Record

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Army	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Club	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Navy	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Police	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Navy	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Club	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Army	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Club	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Navy	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H.K.C.C. ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNEY

Hong Kong Cricket Club announces the forthcoming tennis championships, which will start on the H.K.C.C. ground on Monday, March 10.

The usual open singles and doubles events will be held, while there is again a large list of members' events.

A departure from precedent has been set this year as it has been decided by the committee that any surplus resulting from the tournament be donated to the "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

Small mementos, therefore, will be presented to winners of the various events in the place of the trophies presented heretofore.

The possible effect of Volunteer duties is also taken into consideration and intending competitors are asked to assist the committee by stating on which days of the week they are unable to play owing to Volunteer or other duties.

"LIGHTNING" CHESS TOURNAMENT

A double-round "lightning" Chess tournament, played in Kowloon on Saturday afternoon was won by A. C. Poupard with 11½ points out of a possible 16. R. C. Danenberg and J. Grefalda tied for second place with 9 points apiece.

Other competitors finished as follows:—R. C. Gardner and S. Sapiala, 8 points each; J. H. d'Almeida and William Lee, 7½; V. V. Kolatchoff 7, and C. Lee 6½.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in the quadrangular hockey tournament against Indian Army on Club ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.

Bewell, Taylor and Bond; McLejan, Reed and N. Whitley; Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, A. Guest and Morgan.

Umpire:—Tyas.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

BEST cricket performances on Saturday were Anderson's 74 not out for Kowloon Cricket Club against Indian's, and Danbrowsky's 6 for 16 for Police against K.C.C. 2nd XI.

BATTING

D. J. N. Anderson	74
M. R. Abbas	69
K. M. Baxter	67
G. Ainslie	50
C. N. Gosano	40
A. H. Madar	41
T. V. N. Fortescue	36
A. H. Rummah	36
F. J. Lay	34
L. Cpl. Stonor	32
Spr. Ratcliffe	32
E. A. R. Alves	31
J. E. Richardson	31
D. Chelliah	30
F. J. Remedios	30

BOWLING

H. Danbrowsky	8 for 16
A. M. Omar	8 for 29
R. J. Fenton	5 for 7
N. L. Smith	5 for 28
A. R. Minu	5 for 73
J. A. Soares	4 for 27
Sgt. Dixon	4 for 84
F. M. N. da Silva	4 for 38
Spr. Tropp	4 for 46

CASH SWEEP WINNERS

Following are the cash sweep results of the Kwanti Race meeting yesterday:

RACE 1	
No. 683	\$590.63
" 1233	168.75
" 64	81.38
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): Nos. 1120, 1115, 82, 437, 1178.	
RACE 2	
No. 1000	\$1,074.36
" 615	306.96
" 1141	153.48
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 226, 744, 407.	
RACE 3	
No. 667	\$1,148.67
" 149	328.19
" 646	164.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1012, 523.	
RACE 4	
No. 34802	\$16,076.14
" 2916	4,593.18
" 16967	2,296.58
Unplaced ponies (\$510.36 each): Nos. 9245, 23789, 18716, 4474, 19551.	
RACE 5	
No. 400	\$1,196.23
" 349	341.78
" 14	170.89
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1238, 549, 1270.	
RACE 6	
No. 986	\$1,089.48
" 511	311.28
" 771	155.64
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 560, 168, 454, 212.	

SELLING LOTTERIES ON BIG RACES

Hong Kong Jockey Club Selling Lotteries will be conducted on:—the Hong Kong Derby, the Austral Derby and the Rooty-Hill Derby at the Club House, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 11.

These are open to Members and their friends, but all non-members must be introduced by a Member and their names entered in the Visitors' Book.

Lists of chances are available for signature at the Hong Kong Club; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Chances in any of these three Lotteries are \$5. each.

Owing to the congested state of the Enclosures at Race Meetings, no children will be permitted to enter Hong Kong Jockey Club's premises on Race days on any pretext whatsoever.

KWANTI RACE MEETING

Following are the results of yesterday's race meeting at Kwanti:—

THE SHATAUKOK HURDLE RACE. For China Ponies. One and a quarter miles.

Viber, 172 lb.	(Feilden)	1
Jack O'Lantern, 160 lb.	(Barrow)	2
Mortmain, 165 lb.	(Chattey)	3

Won by Four lengths; half a length. Time: 2.48.2.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$73.20. Places 1st \$9.40; 2nd \$8.80; 3rd \$12.10.

Also ran:—Classic Hall, 160 lb., (Van Rynberk); Rob Roy, 160 lb., (Calderara); Three Farthings, 160 lb., (Ingram); Venture, 160 lb., (Gregory); and Zero, 165 lb., (Haymes).

THE LO WU HANDICAP. For China Ponies "E" Class. Six furlongs.

Plain View, 135 lb.	(Poy)	1
Galant Marshal, 147 lb.	(Pan)	2
Arabian Cat, 153 lb.	(Hook)	3

Won by one length; half length. Time: 1.37.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$73.30. Places 1st \$2.30; 2nd \$12.40; 3rd \$10.40.

Also ran:—King's Envoy, 135 lb., (Chao); Lucky Eleven, 150 lb., (Wei); and National Liberty, 149 lb., (Tao).

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP. A steeplechase of one and three-quarter miles for Australian Ponies.

Brutus, 168 lb.	(Trevorton)	1
Sea Urchin, 162 lb.	(Gregory)	2
Glorious Star, 162 lb.	(Hook)	3

Won by two lengths; six lengths. Time: 3.42.1.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$7.60. Places 1st \$6.90; 2nd \$7.30.

Also ran:—Kiola, 140 lb., (Barrow); and Teviotdale, 155 lb., (Chattey).

THE KWANTI CUP. One Mile. For Australian Ponies "D" Class. Schmetterling, 135 lb.

Dick Turpin, 140 lb.	(Gregory)	2
Colorado Star, 137 lb.	(Davis)	3

Won by one and half lengths; half length. Time: 1.54.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$54.30. Places 1st \$18.50; 2nd \$10.40.

Also ran:—Tarzan, 135 lb., (Hoo).

THE SAN WAI HANDICAP. One Mile. For China Ponies "D" Class.

Royal Wedding Eve, 153 lb.	(Craven)	1
Royal Highness, 150 lb.	(Tao)	2
Phoenix, 155 lb.	(Woo)	3

Won by short head; half length. Time: 2.10.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$10.60. Places 1st \$6.30; 2nd \$6.10; 3rd \$9.20.

Also ran:—Talkative, 141 lb., (Wei); The Tigress, 135 lb., (Ip); and Wilber, 145 lb., (Chao).

THE LO WU HANDICAP (First Section). Six furlongs. For China Ponies "E" Class.

Ascot Vale, 159 lb.	(Chao)	1
National Success, 150 lb.	(Tao)	2
Dow Jones, 135 lb.	(Yuen)	3

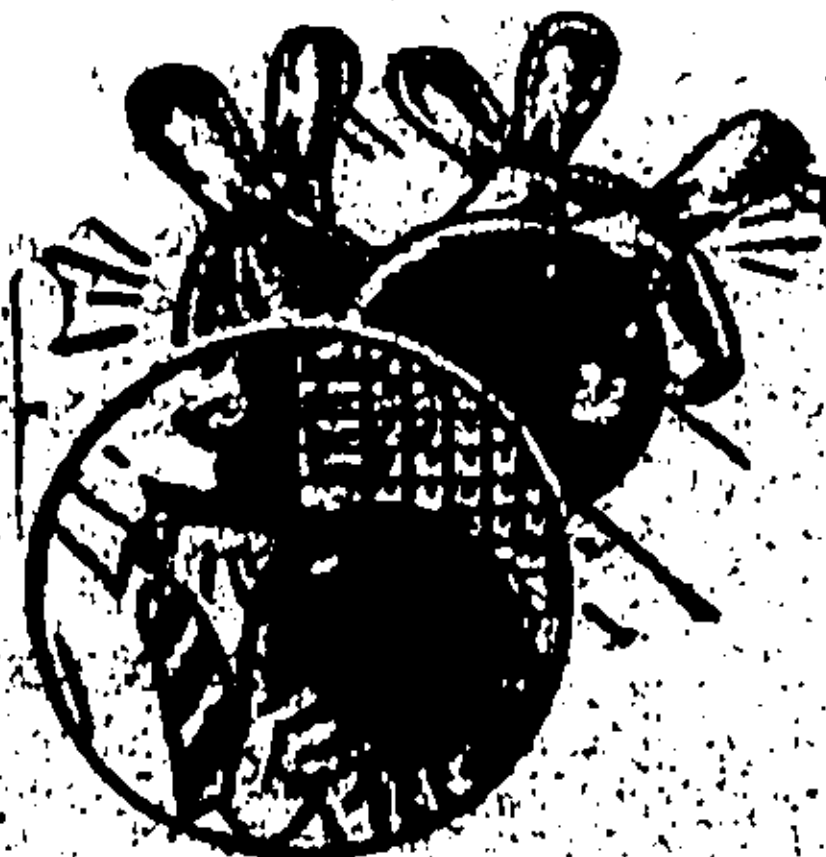
Won by one and half lengths; short head. Time: 1.36.1.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$20.10. Places 1st \$8.20; 2nd \$7.90; 3rd \$12.40.

Also ran:—Desert Star, 153 lb., (Woo); Heddon, 145 lb., (Lo Kwong-to); Lancashire Chap, 151 lb., (Fang); and Palmer, 156 lb., (Chattey).

JUNIOR SHIELD RESULT

Service Corps entered the Second Round of the Junior Shield competition when they beat 24th Royal Artillery by the only goal scored by Morgan.



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GRAPHIC GOLF**IN PUTTING PRACTICE**

GAUGE BALL'S ROLL TO STOP WITHIN OUTLINED CIRCLE

(12-13)

Indoor Practice In Putting

By BEST BALL

A 4¼ inch target on the living room rug affords a good objective to putt at in the winter time, provided one can disassociate his mind from the usual plunk of the successful putt in golf. A round piece of cardboard, 4¼ inches in diameter, which is the exact size of the cup or the mere outline of the same dimensions will serve. It seems advisable here not to suggest cutting a hole of this magnitude in the rug for various reasons.

With the objective plainly marked, the player can concentrate on just giving the ball enough roll to have it die at the outside edge. In actual play the ball will quite likely drop in if it touches the rim at any point so this attention to stroking, and the proper calculation of distance, will reward the golfer later on.

Next Article—Putting Freedom.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The usual Monthly Medal Competitions for Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Ladies' Section will be held on the Old and New Course at Fanling to-morrow.

During February a Bogey Competition will be held on the New Course.

Owing to the absence of so many lady golfers, the Annual Spring Meeting will be confined to one day, the date fixed being Tuesday, 11th March.

Particulars will be announced later.

Results of January Competition—The Monthly Medal Competition (Bronze Division) on the New Course was won by Mrs. Greaves, 106-29-77.

No cards were returned in the Silver Division.

The Bogey Competition held on the New Course on January 21st was won by Mrs. Eldon Potter—4 down. (13 entries).

Mrs. Redmond qualified for the Captain's Cup on the Old Course, 98-16-826, and Mrs. Margrett on the New Course, 96-24-72.

The Running Medal on the New Course was won by Mrs. Redmond, 88-16-72.

STRICT ADHERENCE TO RULING

According to a circular issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club, the attention of Owners and Jockeys is drawn to Rule of Racing No. 150, which reads as follows:—

"The first four placed riders and any other rider if called upon to weigh in by the Stewards must immediately after pulling up, ride his horse to the dismounting enclosure, dismount, in the presence of a Steward, and present himself to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales."

As from January 30 the foregoing rule will be strictly enforced. In the event of the disqualification of any of the first three placed ponies, failure to weigh in on the part of the rider of the pony officially placed fourth will entail the forfeiture of any stake money to which the owner of the pony would have been entitled.

From Here & There

After an absence, Lockhart will again be seen in action between the sticks in C.B.A.'s Hockey Tournament game against 5th. A.A. "A" yesterday afternoon.

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Owing to the inability of E. V. Alves to turn out this afternoon, F. Soares acted as custodian for Nomads in their Tournament hockey game against Police "B" today.

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N. C. Sen Gupta, whilst playing in the cricket match between University and Y.M.C.A. at Pokfulam on Sunday, received a nasty blow on the nose which kept him off the field for the remainder of the game.

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G. A. Stewart, who turned out for Hong Kong Cricket Club seniors last season, is one of the leading figures in the few cricket matches played in Manila. In a recent match between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies of Manila, he took part in an opening partnership with H. L. Robertson which realised 88 runs and enabled the Scots to win easily.

R. Baldwin, who bowled so well for Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors in their League cricket match against Recreio last week, is proceeding to England on leave shortly.

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C. B. Robertson, the lawn bowler, returned to the Colony from long leave in the course of the week.

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Pte. Stickley, former Colony and Army hockey player, returned to the Middlesex hockey side in the course of the week after a prolonged absence owing to injuries.

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R. Hall, who was mainly responsible for the institution of lawn bowls at Kowloon Football Club, has left Colony on retirement. Hall has been prominently identified with K.F.C. for many years.

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The first athletic meeting of the Upper Levels Division, District "A", A.R.P. Wardens' Society, was held on the South China track, Caroline Hill, yesterday.

NARROW WIN FOR K.C.C.

Scores, K.C.C. rinks first:

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, R. B. Wellwood lost to C. S. M. Baskett, Q. M. S. Spary, Sgt Carr, Sgt Rakusen 10-23.

R. T. Broadbridge, E. Abraham, A. W. Smith, V. C. Labrum lost to Sgt Zimmer, Sgt Baptista, Sgt Steven, Sgt Sherriff 17-18.

A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, F. A. Fabel, W. W. Parsons beat Sgt Geall, Pipe Major Mackie, Sgt Lockhart, C.Q.M.S. Fincher 24-7.

A. Zimmer, J. W. Bertram, F. Broadbridge, T. A. Madar beat Sgt Fowles, B. S. M. Rose, Sgt Remedios, Sgt Meyer 18-16.

D. A. Glover, R. T. Burch, R. S. Capell, G. E. Taylor lost to Sgt Skinner, B. S. M. Jack, B. S. M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Silva (skip) 23-27.

Goodman of USS Mindanao may cause a stir in this year's Colony Lawn Tennis Championship. He is reputed to be an American inter-State player. Entry forms are already out and the list will be closed on March 1.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The second Jan Trophy race sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Joss	15.07.50	1
(G. E. Neve)		
La Linda	15.13.22	2
(P. Chidell)		
Maureen	15.20.25	3
(Blake, Barnett)		
True Blue	15.27.42	4
(L. P. Ralph)		
Gull	15.28.44	5
(A. O. G. Mills)		
Arlki	15.45.51	6
(Forsyth, Browne)		
Artemis	15.48.55	7
(G. G. Wood)		
Painted Lady	15.51.31	8
(D. Smith)		
Isobel	15.51.43	9
(R. L. Berridge)		

FANLING GOLF TOURNEY

In the second round of the Junior championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club yesterday, N. D. Lloyd beat D. J. Valentine 4 and 2; S. L. Lloyd beat F. A. Redmond 4 and 2; A. J. Dennis beat P. V. McLane 2 and 1; and F. J. Price beat F. N. Merritt 3 and 2.

THE CATCH OF THE SEASON

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ITALIAN DIVISION AT BARENTU CUT OFF

Italians Already In Trouble In Eritrea

GREAT ARMY FROM CANADA

A great army of air-men, infantry and armoured units is going overseas from Canada this year, declared the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, in a broadcast from Ottawa yesterday. — Reuter.

WOMAN ARRESTED

Cheung So, 31, married woman, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. K. M. A. Bennett at Kowloon this morning for stealing 40 yards of cloth.

Accused walked into a shop in Shanghai Street yesterday when the shop was crowded with customers, and stole a roll of cloth from a show case. She was, however, seen by a folk, who chased and caught her.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF AGORDAT, IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL POINT IN ERITREA ON THE RAILWAY LEADING TO THE RED SEA PORT OF MASSAWA.

Announcing this success yesterday's communique from British General Headquarters in Cairo says: "Yesterday (Saturday) morning British troops captured the town of Agordat, taking many hundreds of prisoners with guns and mechanical transport."

"Six Italian medium tanks, five light tanks and 15 guns were also destroyed, while the enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack, carried out by British and Indian troops with R.A.F. cooperation."

"By dusk on Saturday evening, advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren."

"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well while further south B'acundi is now in British hands, with more prisoners from the Italian forces which originally withdrew from Umm-Hogaz."

"As a result of these actions coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Wakali district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical transport and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks."

Retreat In Abyssinia

"In Abyssinia, following British pressure in the Metemma area, the enemy is also in full retreat on the Metemma-Gondar road, closely followed by British mobile troops."

"Pressure by British patrols continues in all sectors in Italian Somali and across the Italian frontier, resulting in a general falling back of the enemy's advanced screen."

Regarding Libya the communique says the concentration of British forces in the area west of Derna is proceeding smoothly. — Reuter.

Pressing On

Following the capture of Agordat the British troops were yesterday pressing on towards Keren 50 miles further east on the railway to Massawa.

Keren is probably less well defended than Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is now expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours the defence.

Agordat was held by a large Italian garrison a number of whom evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman in Cairo yesterday said the Italians at Barentu were now in "a very sticky position."

Virtually Surrounded

They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

Meanwhile British shells are raining down on the Metemma-Gondar road as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by surprise as they had expected to be faced only with guerilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring. — Reuter.

CAVALLERO LOSSES IN ALBANIA

All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated Athens radio last night, adding that Greek forces had steadily advanced and had taken up new lines and positions according to plan.

Athens radio added that these operations were beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

The announcer continued: "Very considerable successes of our

Reuter says there were two bomb attempts on Chungking-controlled courts in the International Settlement. Hand-grenades were thrown in the Kiangsu High Court followed by the throwing of three hand-grenades in the First District Court. All the grenades were thrown from passing motorcars.

STOP PRESS

army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura obliged General Cavallero, the Italian commander-in-chief, to order the speedy evacuation of Italian forces of this important area.

40 Per Cent. Losses

"Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check this Greek advance is doomed to failure because after repeated disasters their striking power has been very substantially reduced. "Losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers at as high as 40 per cent of their total effectives." — Reuter.

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